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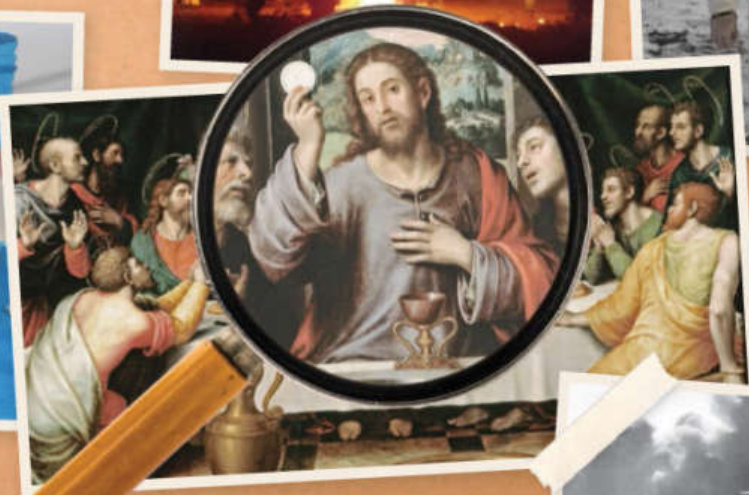
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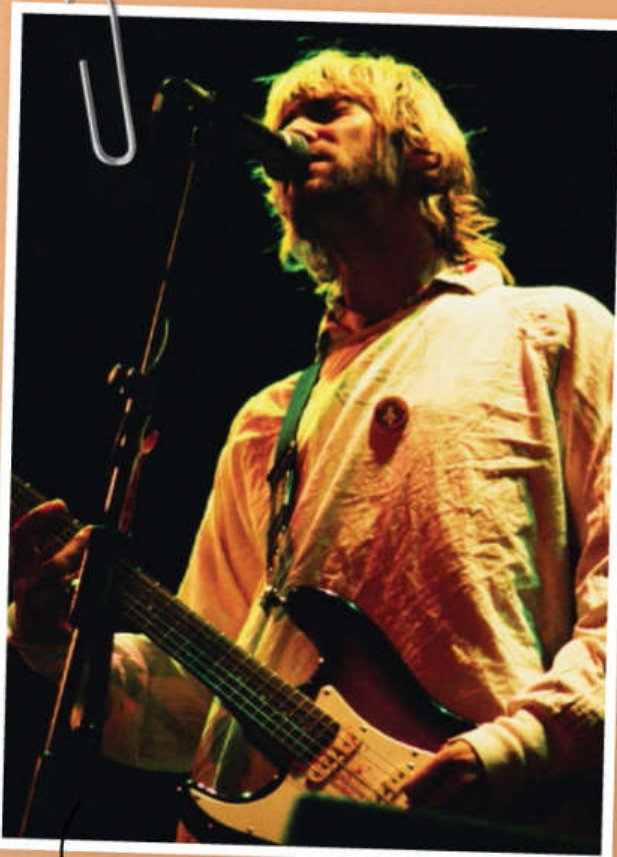
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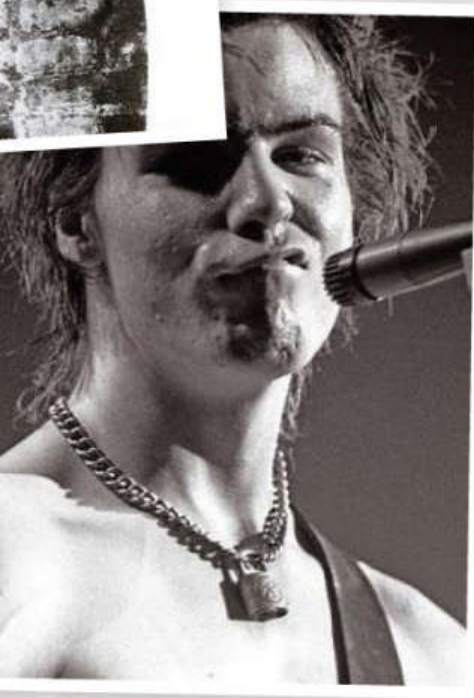
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DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES

WAS THE DEATH OF A NATIONAL TREASURE ONE OF THE BIGGEST COVER-UPS IN HISTORY?



The death of Princess Diana was an event that affected people across the planet. Britain grieved, the world grieved. Even people who had never devoted any

real attention to the British Royal Family felt deep emotion at the tragic circumstances that robbed the world of someone who qualified as a global cultural icon.

At first it appeared to be nothing more than a simple tragic accident. Diana had enjoyed a romantic meal with her lover, Dodi Al-Fayed, at the Ritz Hotel owned by his father, Mohamed Al-Fayed. A little before midnight the couple left, accompanied by Diana's bodyguard – Trevor Rees-Jones. To escape 30 paparazzi parked outside, they went out via the back door. The chauffeur of their bulletproof Mercedes-Benz was Henri Paul, the Ritz Hotel's head of security.

The car sped away and a tourist captured the scene on video as an innocent-looking Citroen followed and the paparazzi, realising they had been duped, began to give chase on their motorcycles. After a few minutes' pursuit, the Mercedes entered the Pont de l'Alma tunnel at high speed and all we know is that Diana, Dodi and Henri failed to emerge from it with their lives. It took the French investigation several years to produce an official version of events. Not surprisingly, they supported the instant verdict from the world's media that it was a woeful auto accident caused by the combination of a drunk driver, pursuing paparazzi and a failure to wear seatbelts.

The first public suggestion that there was a conspiracy to kill Princess Diana surfaced on the BBC World Service a couple of days after the unfortunate events of 31 August 1997. In bizarre propagandist tones, the BBC made pains to deride a speech made by Libyan leader Colonel Moamar Qaddafi in which he claimed that the "accident" was a joint French and British conspiracy because they did not want Diana to marry a Muslim man. Conspiracy theories began circulating on the night of her death, most of them speculating on how strange



FACT OR FICTION?

The crash happened in the Pont de l'Alma tunnel that was built over a site used in the time of the Merovingian dynasty (between 500–751 AD) as a sacred ritual area. Some secret societies, such as the Prieur de Sion and the Templars, claim that the Merovingian and all true European royalty – including Diana Spencer's family – are connected to the pagan cult of Diana. It is odd that Britain's Queen of Hearts may have died on a former site of worship for the goddess whose name she was given.



it was that on the day she died, Diana had already told one major British national newspaper to prepare for an amazing announcement.

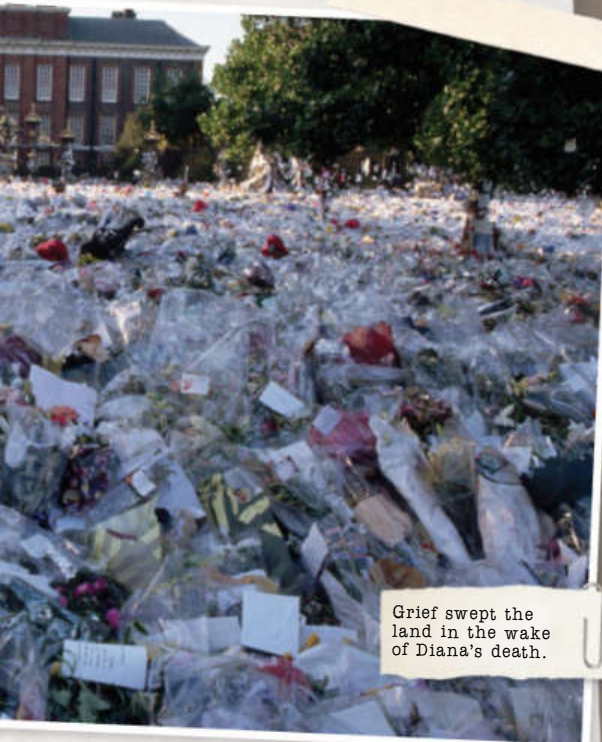
A ROYAL COVER UP?

The Queen intervened to clear Diana's former butler, Paul Burrell, when he was on trial at the Old Bailey just before he was about to take the stand and possibly reveal a number of uncomfortable facts about the Princess in November 2002. It later emerged that after Diana's death, the Queen had spoken at length to Burrell. Sounding like the most paranoid of conspiracy theorists and using dialogue that would not have been out of place in *The X-Files*, she warned Burrell to be careful, saying, "There are powers at work in this country which we have no knowledge about."

The warning led Burrell to wait until October 2003 to make public the fact that Diana had written him a note ten months before she died. It stated: "This particular phase of my life is the most dangerous. 'X' is planning an accident in my car, brake failure and serious head injuries in order to make the path clear for Charles to marry". The Princess' startling prescience has heightened the belief she was a victim of a conspiracy, not a tragic accident.



The tunnel in Paris where the crash occurred, now a popular place for tourists to pay their respects.



Grief swept the land in the wake of Diana's death.

SUSPICIONS GROW

Claims have been made that Henri Paul was three times over the legal alcohol limit. A second blood test ordered by his disbelieving family showed a level of carbon monoxide in his body that was not only lethal, but would have entered his bloodstream before he got into the car. The security video from the Ritz that night does not show him as a drunk, or reeling from carbon monoxide poisoning. The mystery of Henri Paul deepens further with the revelation that he deposited more than 164,000 francs into his bank account shortly before he died. In 2007, a British inquest was held into the deaths of Diana and Dodi. Evidence was given by a number of high-profile individuals, including Paul Burrell, Mohamed Al-Fayed and the former head of MI5. The jury of six women and five men eventually gave their verdict on 7 April 2008, placing the blame on Henri Paul and the chasing paparazzi.

A TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Even if Diana was pregnant, that does not mean there was a conspiracy to kill her. Driving at high speed through Paris is dangerous enough without being pursued by a pack of motorcycle paparazzi. Add a barrage of camera flashes to a

chase conducted at more than 120 miles per hour when the passengers are not wearing seatbelts and you no longer need a conspiracy to explain a fatal crash. Faced with a tragedy such as Diana's death, it is not surprising that some people

cannot accept it as a mere random accident. The car crash in Paris may be the perfect example of why some conspiracy theories come into being: if they did not exist we would have to face the banality and indiscriminate nature of death.

The main suspects

MI6

Sworn to protect the British crown, it is alleged that a renegade faction within MI6 took it upon itself to rid the Royal Family of the one woman who looked capable of destroying the monarchy by exposing the hypocrisy of the Windsors. That she may have been pregnant, about to convert to Islam and marry the son of establishment bogeyman Mohamed Al-Fayed may have been the final factors that made them decide she must die.



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Military Industrial Complex

Diana had waged a one-woman war against the evils of landmines, in doing so risking her personal safety and earning strident political criticism in the UK as a "loose cannon". While the Military Industrial Complex makes more money from disposing of landmines than it does selling them, it may have feared the possibility of Diana turning her attention to the arms industry in general. Clearly, it would have been in their best interests to wipe out someone who could have turned into the world's most powerful peace campaigner.

Or could it have been...

The Committee

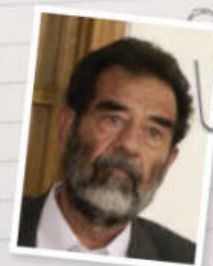
An alleged Anglo-American cabal made up of intelligence agency operatives from the United States and Great Britain. Supposedly headquartered in Bristol, England, the Committee is apparently a tool of an even more clandestine group that wants the special relationship between the US and Britain to develop into a union of both powers. Possibly Diana's massive popularity, willingness to tackle the establishment on sensitive issues and possible pregnancy persuaded them she could be a dangerous opponent to their cryptic schemes.

Princess Diana

Another bizarre hypothesis is that Diana staged her own death so she and Dodi could live free from the glare of publicity. Not surprisingly, there's little hard evidence to support this piece of wishful thinking.

Also suspected...

Rumours have also suggested that the CIA, Mossad, Islamic Fundamentalists, Saddam Hussein, The Freemasons and the IRA had a hand in the death of England's Rose.



ELVIS PRESLEY

IS THE KING REALLY DEAD, OR HAS THE ICON OF ROCK 'N' ROLL TRICKED THE WORLD...



The official version: Elvis died on 16 August 1977 from an overdose of drugs. He died sitting on the toilet, with his pants around his ankles, a bloated and burnt-out

version of his former self and his body is now in residence at Graceland.

The conspiracy version has it that the death of the King of Rock 'n' Roll was an elaborate hoax on the public and that the original Hound Dog is still alive and being spotted by numerous people across the globe.

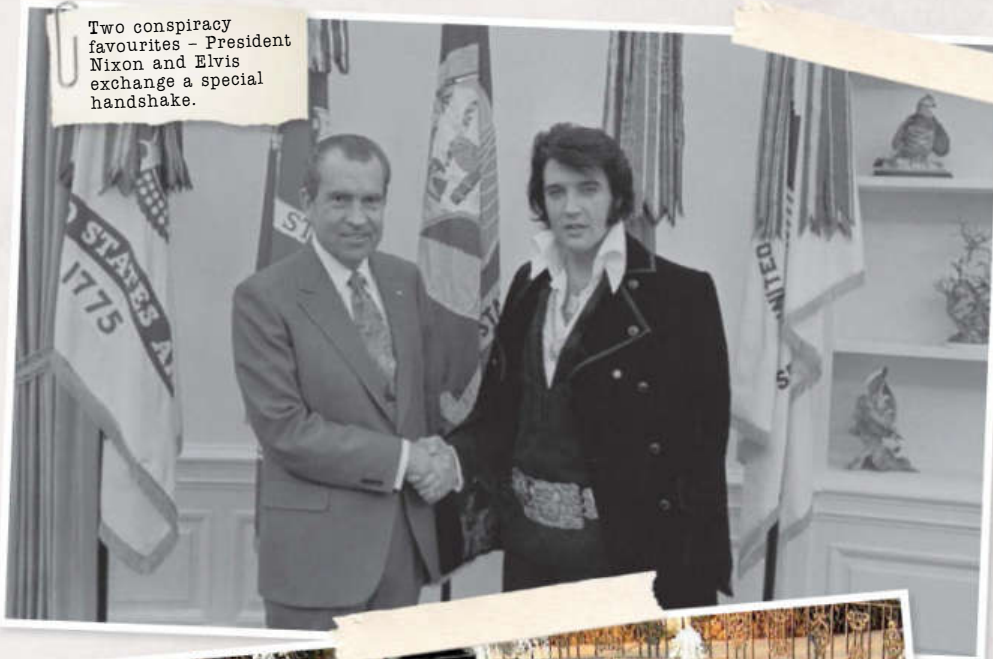
It has to be agreed that his death did come as a shock – 42 is an early age to die and Elvis did have a history of pulling off some rather bizarre and eccentric stunts. There are certainly some mysterious elements surrounding his alleged death.

AN ESCAPE PLAN

A mere two hours after his death was announced, a man looking remarkably like Elvis bought a ticket for Buenos Aires using the name John Burrows. This was a pseudonym that the King himself had used quite a few times, notably on the occasion he flew to Washington to meet President Nixon. It was on the same visit to DC, that he went to the headquarters of the FBI, announced his desire to inform on fellow showbusiness performers and became an honorary member of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. It is alleged that John Burrows flew out of the USA on special State Department papers and this has fuelled speculation that Burrows was none other than Presley making his escape to a new life.

“42 IS AN EARLY AGE TO DIE AND ELVIS DID HAVE A HISTORY OF PULLING OFF SOME RATHER BIZARRE AND ECCENTRIC STUNTS”

Two conspiracy favourites – President Nixon and Elvis exchange a special handshake.



The speed in which his family acquired a coffin and the spelling of 'Aaron' on the headstone have raised even more questions.

Did the fame become too much for the King, and faking his death was the only escape?



THE COFFIN

Aside from the frequently quoted fact that "Elvis" is an anagram of "lives", possibly the most convincing evidence surrounds the 900-pound coffin with a built-in air-chilling unit in which Elvis was buried. How did the Presley family manage to obtain a 900-pound, custom-made coffin ready for a funeral held on the day after his death, and still fail to follow the more basic request from Elvis, such as being buried next to his mother? In the days leading up to his alleged death, the King is said to have made odd nocturnal visits to several funeral homes. Why?

THE KING IS DEAD, LONG LIVE THE KING

One explanation for the conspiracies surrounding Elvis is that it's hard for people to lose a legend that was loved by so many.



FACT OR FICTION?

Many believe that the King's name is spelled wrongly on his headstone. His full name was Elvis Aron Presley, but on his grave his middle name is spelled with an additional 'a'. The unique spelling of Aron was an important Presley family tradition. When he was born, Aron was mis-spelled Aaron on his birth certificate and Elvis's father went to great lengths to correct the recording of his son's name. However, later in life, Elvis himself preferred the spelling with two 'a's, a possible explanation for the headstone.

The main suspects

Elvis Presley

The hottest contender for the instigator of the conspiracy is none other than Elvis himself. The King definitely felt a prisoner of his own fame and was tired of riding in the trunks of cars to avoid detection and of not being able to get proper medical attention because any hospital he was in would be overwhelmed by fans. At 42, he was going downhill and was too proud to go out with a whimper. Elvis had already once faked his death by setting up a deceptive shooting, so it is not impossible he staged a more final fake death.

The FBI

Elvis had recently lost a vast amount of money in bad deals with companies that had close links to the Mafia. There is a lot of speculation that the King decided to collaborate with the government to help expose gangsters. To ensure his protection, the FBI had to fake his death and provide him with a new life as part of a very unusual witness relocation programme.



Or was it...

Burger chain companies

Could the faked death of Elvis be part of an innovative and radical marketing scam? It has been suggested that the frequent sighting of Elvis cooking fries in numerous backwoods burger joints – which then become very popular, acting as shrines and magnets for Elvis fans – is a joint plan between the King and the burger chain companies. Elvis gets to live a life free from the pressures of fame and is paid in cheeseburgers, while the fast food bosses get to increase business in their quieter establishments.



New World Order

Since Elvis allegedly bought the farm, it has become clear to many cultural observers that he is well on the way to becoming a religious figure. Books comparing him to Christ have hit the US best-seller lists, sightings of Elvis can be seen as similar to spiritual visions, and there is no denying that many fans have shrines to the King and describe visiting Graceland in terms of making a pilgrimage. If you are of a paranoid bent, you may want to consider the claims that the Elvis conspiracy was instigated by the New World Order as their attempt to lay the groundwork for a future new religion. Has Elvis been cryogenically frozen by the NWO to be revived as the globe's new messiah when it comes to power?

MJ-12

Every Elvis conspiracy is more than a little odd, but the suggested link between the King and Roswell – where in 1947 a UFO was alleged to have crashed and the military recovered alien bodies – is bizarre even by Elvis standards. It has been claimed that the military photographer who captured Elvis on film for US Marine publicity purposes was a man called Barret who just happened to be the US Army photographer brought in to record the dead alien's autopsies. Conspiracy buffs, with a love for the territory of deep weird, have it that the photographer sent Elvis a copy of those alien pictures with the fatal consequence that MJ-12 – the guys behind the UFO cover-up – had to silence the King.

JOHN LENNON

COULD THE SHOOTING OF A MUSICAL LEGEND HAVE MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE?



© Jack Mitchell

In the “do you remember where you were when you heard the news?” stakes, the shooting of John Lennon comes second only to the assassination of JFK or the

events of 9/11. If you were alive when the murder of John Lennon was announced on the evening of 8 December 1980, you will undoubtedly remember it, wherever you were. As the news broke around the globe everyone was shocked. No one could understand why anyone would want to kill one of the members of the most beloved musical group of all time. Why would

anyone want to murder an ex-Beatle? Why would anyone want to deny the world this true musical genius and very influential campaigner for peace?

The explanation offered in the press was that the gunman – Mark David Chapman – was a disturbed loner, obsessed with the Sixties star and convinced that Lennon was in league with the Devil. After a 60-day psychiatric evaluation that turned into a year and 60 days of absolute silence, Chapman pleaded guilty to the murder a matter of hours before his trial was scheduled to start.

It wasn't long before conspiracy theorists the world over were supplementing the media's version of events with their own interpretations of what actually happened on the tragic night that robbed the world of a cultural giant. In their eyes, the shooting was not simply the work of a madman, instead it was part of a huge political plot.

A SILENT KILLER

One of the usual reasons put forward for why people like Chapman murder celebrities is that they wish to become famous themselves. This obviously is not the case with Chapman. Since he committed the crime he has turned down more than 60 interviews and repeatedly said, “I do not want publicity.” He has only given one major interview and that was merely to ask to be released after he failed to get parole in October 2003.

His apparent calmness after his arrest was highly unusual. However, more significant is the fact that he somehow managed to evade multiple metal detectors at two major airports when transporting the murder weapon from Hawaii to New York – something that is bound to raise alarm bells with those people favouring a conspiracy as an explanation for John Lennon's untimely death.



FACT OR FICTION?

Fringe researchers into the mystery surrounding Lennon's death have found significance in certain publicity photos and songs. In the booklet that came with the original *Magical Mystery Tour* album in the States, there is a picture of John and a sign next to him stating: “The best way to go is by MD&C.” Given these are the initials of Mark David Chapman, some have seen this as either a strange example of synchronicity or a massive clue signposting an astonishing conspiracy.

“CHAPMAN PLEADED GUILTY TO THE MURDER OF LENNON A MATTER OF HOURS BEFORE HIS TRIAL WAS SCHEDULED TO START”



John Lennon and Yoko Ono. His radical politics could have made him a target.



Was the death of Lennon at the hands of a loner, or part of a much bigger conspiracy?

The main suspects

The FBI

The late FBI Director J Edgar Hoover had a pathological hatred of Lennon and had tried to persuade President Nixon's chief of staff to help him bust the musician and get him thrown out of the country. The FBI kept Lennon under close scrutiny throughout the Seventies and tried to thwart his attempts to gain US citizenship. Many of their files on him are still classified, some because they are linked to British Intelligence information on Lennon. If there was a conspiracy to kill the singer, it is not unreasonable to deduce that the FBI may have played a part in it.



Right-wing activists/Military Industrial Complex
Reagan had recently been elected President and some felt that opposition to his aggressive foreign policy and plans to spend massive amounts of the budget on expanding the American military was bound to develop around veteran peace campaigner Lennon. In fear of him inspiring the youth to rebel, as he had done in the Sixties, right-wing activists and certain sections of the Military Industrial Complex plotted to silence him.



THE MISSING FILES

The strength of the fight put up by the FBI against those using the Freedom of Information Act (FIA) to try to force the agency to make public its files on the singer is suspicious. So too is the fact that even now not all of the material on the files has been disclosed. Given that the FBI claim the reason their files cannot be made public is to protect national security, previously paranoid-sounding claims made by conspiracy buffs may have more veracity than it is comfortable to believe.

A MORE OBVIOUS EXPLANATION...

The proposed conspiracy theories all go out of their way to overlook the obvious fact that America's lax attitude to gun control laws and a mentally disturbed man who had an obsession with Lennon are enough of a dangerous combination to provide all the explanation you could ever possibly need.

The CIA

Chapman had worked for defence companies with close links to the CIA. He also showed some evidence of having been hypnotised. In this light some have looked in the direction of the CIA's outlawed project to create programmed killers – MK-Ultra – for the real reason Chapman murdered his former hero.

Or could it have been...

Satanic forces

Lennon was shot outside the Dakota building – an apartment block that had provided the backdrop to Roman Polanski's film about the birth of the Antichrist, *Rosemary's Baby*. Beatles music and lyrics were used as elements in Charles Manson's warped reasoning that eventually led to the ritual killing of Roman Polanski's wife, Sharon Tate. David Mark Chapman believed that Lennon was, in fact, the Antichrist. These spooky synchronicities have been enough to produce wild claims that the shooting was the result of machinations carried out by satanic forces or members of a satanic cult that caused Chapman to be possessed.

Christian fundamentalists

Mark David Chapman was not the only one who thought Lennon was the Antichrist. Ever since Lennon's "bigger than God" quote, certain American fundamentalists believed the ex-Beatle was a dark force dedicated to corrupting the youth of America by spreading a gospel of love, drugs and rock 'n' roll. With Lennon's return to the spotlight after a self-imposed period as a househusband, it may be that they decided to silence him once and for all.

PAUL MCCARTNEY

HAS ONE OF THE GREATEST MUSICIANS OF MODERN TIMES REALLY BEEN DEAD FOR DECADES?



When you are one of the most famous musicians in the world and your name is known to anyone who has ever listened to pop music, you cannot be

too surprised when strange rumours spring up around you – it is the nature of modern celebrity

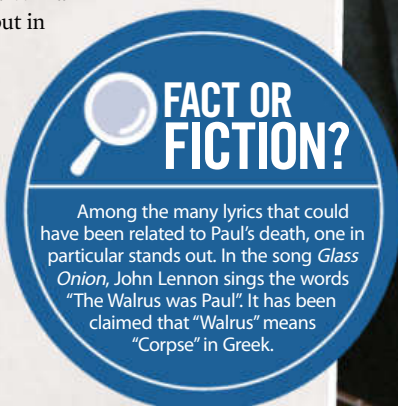
In the latter half of the Sixties a rumour spread through the media, and consequently the rest of the Beatle-loving world, that Paul McCartney was actually dead and that an impostor, named William Campbell, was put in his place.

The alleged conspiracy was first exposed to the public by Detroit disc jockey Russ Gibb. He advised his listeners to seek for clues in the band's music, even if it entailed playing the record backwards. One such "clue" is allegedly featured in the "Number nine, number nine" lyric from *Revolution 9* on The Beatles' *White Album*, which apparently becomes "turn me on dead man" when played backwards.

The rumour grew faster than Yoko Ono's hair. Millions of Beatles fans, and those who wanted a new hobby, spent hours of their time looking for new clues which revealed that Paul was actually dead. People were looking for evidence of a conspiracy in everything remotely related to The Beatles. Every clue confirmed what many of these people suspected – Paul McCartney was dead and there was a huge conspiracy to conceal this fact.

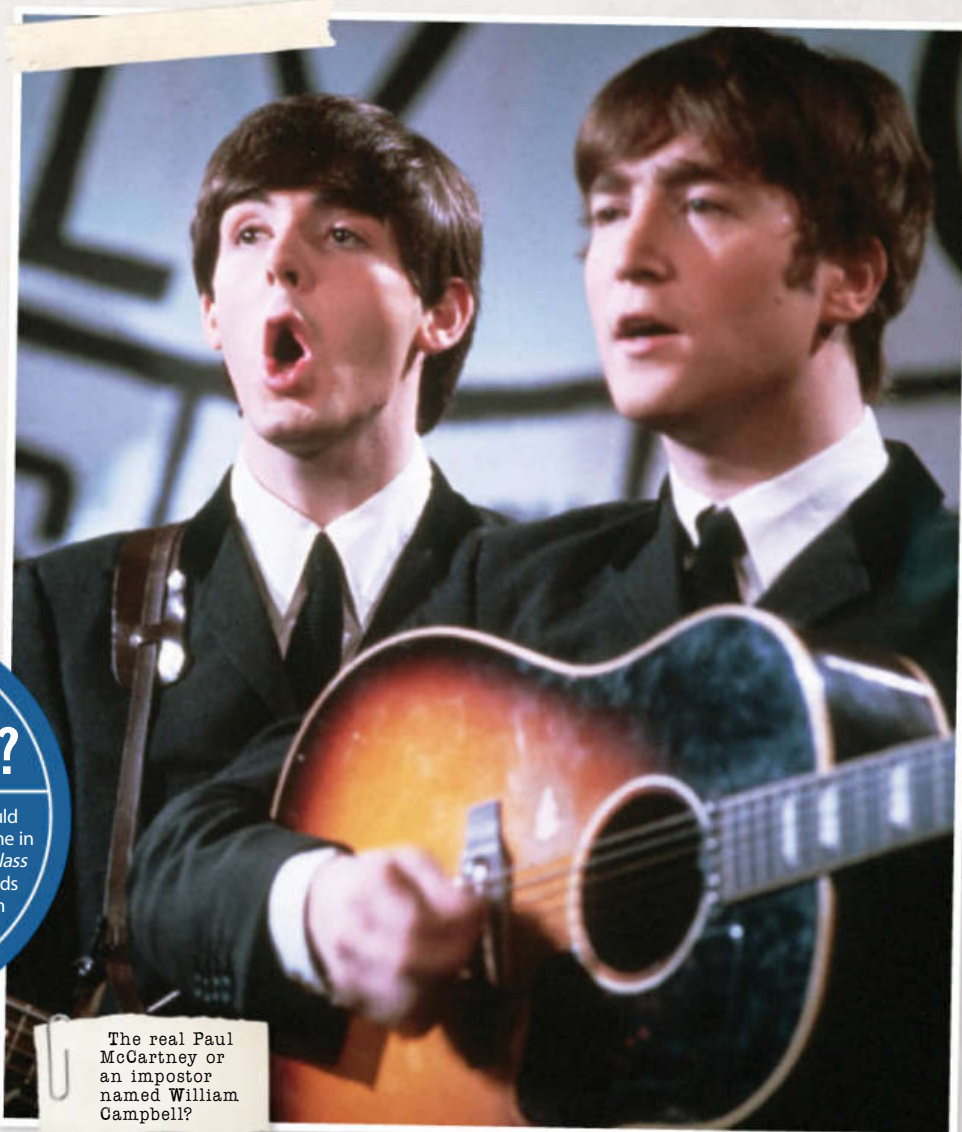
A HIDDEN SIGN?

On the classic *Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts' Club Band* album, Paul is seen wearing an



Among the many lyrics that could have been related to Paul's death, one in particular stands out. In the song *Glass Onion*, John Lennon sings the words "The Walrus was Paul". It has been claimed that "Walrus" means "Corpse" in Greek.

The real Paul McCartney or an impostor named William Campbell?



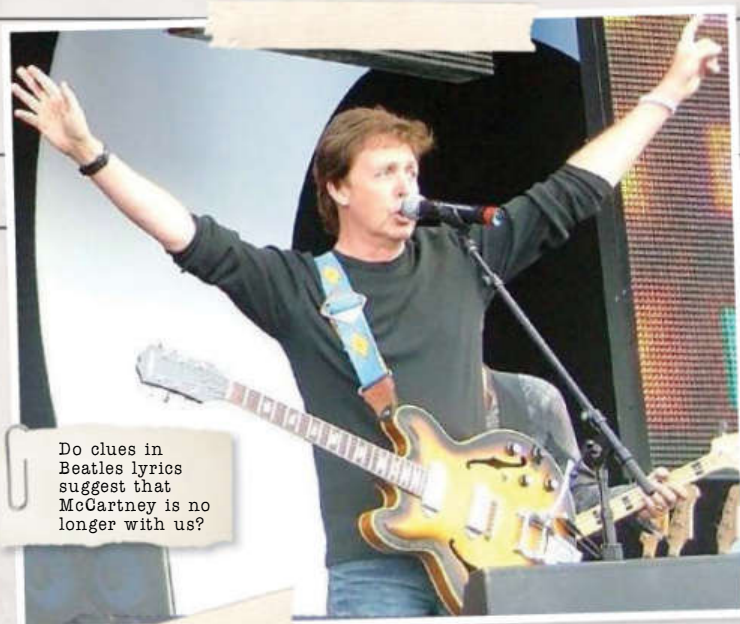
arm patch with the initials OPD – commonly recognised as an acronym for Officially Pronounced Dead.

WALKING CORPSE

The cover of the *Abbey Road* album was declared as evidence of Paul's death by Fred LaBour in *The Michigan Daily*. He claimed that The Beatles were depicted as a type of funeral group who were leaving the cemetery. John, dressed in white, represented a minister. George, a gravedigger, and Ringo was an undertaker. Paul, of course, was the corpse, who was barefoot and out of step with the others, suggesting an impostor was present.

THE DOUBTS

The quality of the so-called clues is exceptionally dubious. The *Abbey Road* album cover features the licence plate 28 IF – which some have interpreted as being Paul's age if he had lived – but if Paul was still alive, he would have been 27, not 28. Many of the records that were played backwards sounded so strange and vague that almost any phrase could have fitted with the sound. It is all a case of looking so hard for something that you are guaranteed to find it. No impostor would have been able to duplicate McCartney's exceptional musical talent, though some conspiracy theorists argue that Paul's solo career is the ultimate proof of their claims.



Do clues in Beatles lyrics suggest that McCartney is no longer with us?



A man with that talent surely could never be replaced? Or could he...

“PEOPLE WERE LOOKING FOR EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN EVERYTHING REMOTELY RELATED TO THE BEATLES”

The main suspects

The Beatles

Conspiracy theorists of a more sceptical bent have concluded that there are in fact many clues to Paul's death scattered throughout the musical output of The Beatles, but that they have been placed there by The Beatles as a metaphysical hoax. They believe that Paul died spiritually and was re-born in the ways of the Maharishi. This spiritual rebirth and his old self dying became an in-joke among the group and they placed obscure references to it on their album covers and in the lyrics of their songs.



The record company

Mass hysteria was created by the rumour that Paul was dead. People fanatically searched for clues and evidence and went to ridiculous lengths to find them. More than one conspiracy theorist has suggested that it was all a hoax cooked up by the record company to help sustain interest in The Beatles. If this is correct, it certainly qualifies as one of the most fascinating publicity stunts of all time.

The CIA

Many people claim that the CIA wanted to bring an end to The Beatles' powerful influence on the world. They may have seen The Beatles and their massive following as a threat to society, which had already witnessed the outrage that John Lennon's comments on The Beatles being "more popular than Jesus Christ" had created. The Beatles were musical and social gods in the Sixties and may have been seen as a threat to the established order by the Agency. Their attempt to destroy The Beatles by murdering Paul was not completely successful as the other three Beatles enrolled the services of William Campbell, the winner of a Paul McCartney lookalike contest.

Or could it have been...

Elvis Presley

A less grounded theory is that Elvis Presley employed the CIA to murder Paul. It has been claimed that Presley had been threatened by The Beatles' success from the day that The Beatles first set foot in the United States. He was the King of Rock 'n' Roll and no one was going to take that title away from him. So maybe he went to the extreme measure of sanctioning Paul McCartney's assassination. Elvis was popular among the highest politicians in the American government, and had extremely powerful contacts.



The Devil

Another possible explanation was first proposed by the American academic Professor Glazier, who suggested that the Devil killed Paul as repayment for a bargain he had struck with McCartney for The Beatles' immense success in the world. Obviously rock stars were not the only horny beasts running around during the Sixties. Paul is said to have suffered the same fate as Brian Jones of the Rolling Stones, who also paid the price of success.

KURT COBAIN

THE DEATH OF A GENERATION'S IDOL AND THE QUESTIONS THAT SURROUND HIS "SUICIDE"



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At 8:40am on 8 April 1994, an electrician who had come to fit security lighting to a luxury home in Seattle found the body of Kurt Cobain. A shotgun wound to the head had killed him. Beside his body was found a box of drug paraphernalia, including syringes and burnt spoons. A shotgun lay across his chest and it was claimed a "goodbye" note was found in the room. An open and shut case of suicide then? Only for the local police. Conspirilogists were hardly going to be satisfied with the cursory

examination of Seattle's boys in blue and the media frenzy of reporting following Cobain's untimely end.

The 27-year-old lead singer and songwriter of Nirvana was not only an internationally acclaimed rock star, but an icon and inspiration to many members of Generation X. His fans viewed him as more than another star; to them he was a leader, a hero. His funeral brought Seattle to a state of gridlock and there were copycat suicides across the world. Cobain died at the peak of his power. His music had reached out and touched millions

and incredible success had brought him the unwanted status of spokesman for a generation as well as the grunge rock movement. Punk rock was an escape for Cobain; drugs were an escape for Cobain. At first it seemed entirely in keeping with his character that he might have sought death as the ultimate escape from the pain and depression that had dogged him throughout his young life. However, despite the common knowledge that Cobain was a troubled man, many have found it hard to believe that he took his own life and conspiracy theories concerning his demise have proliferated while his records continue to sell.

The common thread in the numerous allegations in circulation is that despite his troubled state of mind – exemplified by a close shave with death via a heroin overdose in a Rome hotel a

month before – Cobain was actually starting to sort himself out and planning positive changes in his life. A messy divorce from his wife and

fellow rock star Courtney Love and a high-profile custody battle for their daughter may have been on the cards, but Cobain was not one to wimp out. He had shown toughness before and was a man who had fought his way from a backwoods redneck town to global status. Many of those who have studied the case feel that sinister forces were working

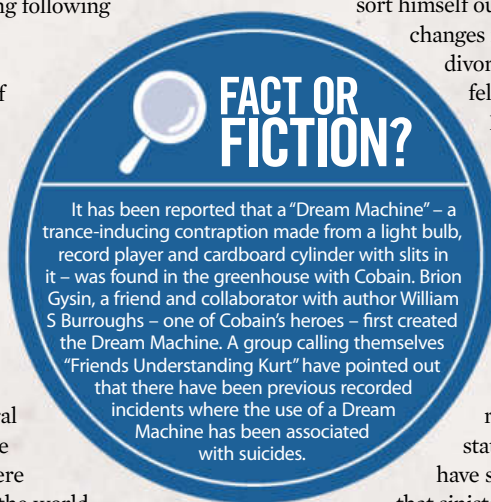
in Seattle to ensure an untimely end for Cobain. They have certainly come up with some unsettling questions surrounding his alleged suicide.

A CARING WIFE?

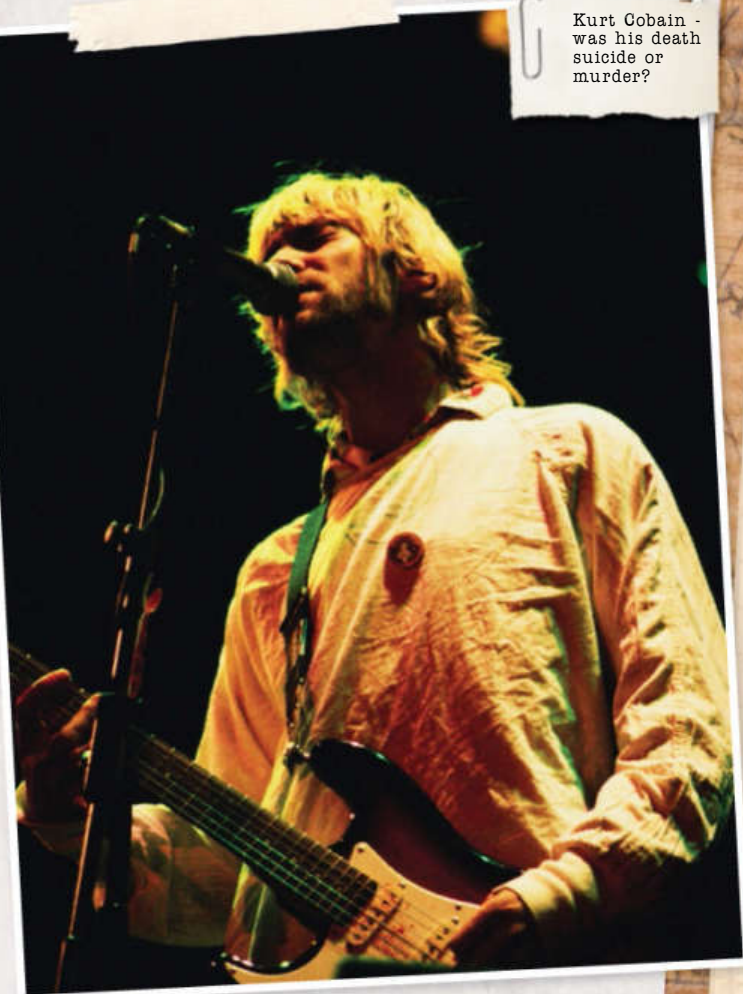
On Easter Sunday, 3 April 1994, Courtney Love called private detective Tom Grant, a California-based private detective. The previous day Cobain had climbed over the wall of Exodus Rehab Clinic and had flown back to Seattle. Despite the fact that her husband was meant to be suicidal, had almost died in an overdose less than a month before and was returning to a home containing a shotgun, Love decided not to go to Seattle to find him herself. Instead, she hired Grant and despatched him to track down Cobain with the rather flippant and enigmatic phrase, "Save the American icon, Tom." Grant searched for Cobain at the Seattle house on 7 April at 2:45am and 9:45pm, but did not find the body that was hidden in the greenhouse on top of the garage. It was eventually discovered the next day.

THE EVIDENCE

There is a whole raft of hard crime scene evidence that raises questions over the idea that Cobain killed himself. One of his credit cards was missing and someone had attempted to use it after the time the autopsy says he was shot and before the body was discovered. There were no fingerprints on this shotgun or shells, which suggests the weapon had been wiped, and his body was found to contain an incapacitating level



Courtney Love, Kurt's widow, hired a private detective to find her missing husband.



Kurt Cobain - was his death suicide or murder?

of heroin that should have prevented him from being able to fire the gun. The "suicide" note was actually a note explaining why he was quitting the record industry and many handwriting experts believe that someone other than Cobain had added the last four lines relating to his wife and daughter.

TICKING TIME BOMB

A deeply troubled man with an enormous drug habit and an interest in firearms - that makes it just so hard to understand why anyone thinks Cobain may have taken his own life, doesn't it? Given that he was once photographed with a gun in his mouth, Cobain actually pulling the trigger one day isn't exactly the most surprising ending to his story. It might be a puzzle for some to figure out why people ever buy Britney Spears' records, but even with the odd circumstances surrounding Kurt Cobain's end there is little mystery about why the sharp money is on suicide in this case.

The main suspects

Someone close to Kurt

Tom Grant, whom Love subsequently hired for seven months to investigate Cobain's death, is just one of many who believe that Cobain must have been murdered by someone close to him. Given that the murderer and other conspirators must have had his trust and good access to him, many theorists believe the finger points to a family member, close friend or employee.



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Record industry executives

It is widely rumoured that Cobain was more concerned about leaving the music industry than leaving the world of the living. A dead rock icon is worth a lot more in terms of back catalogue sales than a live one who is no longer interested in a music career. Record industry executives are well-known for possessing a moral sense that makes alley cats look like upstanding members of the community and with millions of dollars at stake, murder might have been seen as preferable to Cobain's retirement.

Or could it have been...

Kurt Cobain

It would not be a rock 'n' roll conspiracy theory if there were not some conspiriologists who believe that Cobain is still alive. The inconsistencies surrounding his apparent death can be fully explained by his faking it to escape from his wife, by the pressures of being a celebrity and by the drugs scene.

Military Industrial Complex

Kurt Cobain's role as spokesman for a generation that was apathetic about political concerns could have made him a danger to the Military Industrial Complex (MIC) if he had decided to galvanise the disaffected young of the globe by taking an anti-war stance over the developing conflict in Yugoslavia. To ensure healthy weapon sales and lack of public interest, a pre-emptive strike may have been called for.



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JIM MORRISON

COULD ROCK GOD JIM MORRISON HAVE FAKED HIS DEATH IN PARIS?



Lizard King, Rock God, shamanic spirit of the Sixties. Without doubt one of the biggest personalities of the music scene of his time, Jim Morrison

always had a mythical quality about him. This appears to have done nothing but grow since his death in a Paris apartment on 4 July, 1971. In fact, many conspiracy theorists feel his death is the greatest myth of Morrison's life; some believe it would take more than heart failure to rob the world of such a larger-than-life character.

After nearly five years of fame, Morrison took a break from his band The Doors after they had fulfilled their contractual obligation to Elektra Records by delivering the seminal album *LA Woman*. They may have been a little disgruntled that he left during the mixing stages of the LP, but this was not the

end of the group and they fully expected him to return from Paris.

Morrison was bored with life in LA and sought out Paris as it was a place to inspire him – a romantic city of art and poetry. He mentioned to some people his desire to purchase an old church in the south of France so he could renovate it and use it as a permanent base from which he would only venture back to the hustle of America when business demanded. He took with him his scrapbooks filled with poetry and ideas, reels from three of the films he was working on and plans to write a play.

He and his long-term girlfriend, Pamela Courson, quickly established a home for themselves in a Parisian apartment. Jim

wrote, appeared as an extra in a play, drank vast quantities of alcohol and began to enjoy the freedom of not being recognised every time he stepped outside his door. He often expressed opinions during this time that he felt like he needed to change the direction of his life – it was clear that he wanted to get away from things and to travel.

While years of drinking, drug-taking and self-abuse had made their mark on Morrison, his unexpected death – recorded as resulting from



FACT OR FICTION?

It is effectively impossible to exhume Morrison's body to prove that he is actually dead. Apart from needing the family's approval, you would also need the consent from seven French cardinals, who can each demand a right of veto and who are renowned for disagreeing on this type of matter. This is the case with all exhumations from the Père Lachaise cemetery, and apparently Morrison had speculated that he might be buried there upon his death...



The Doors were one of the most controversial acts of their time. Could this have led to Morrison's demise...

heart failure – took many by surprise. It also inspired doubts in others that he was actually dead, doubts that intensified when curious facts ended up in the public domain.

SHADOW OF DOUBT

No one who knew Morrison really well, other than his girlfriend, actually saw him dead. Even after the official death certificate had been produced, some of Morrison's friends and even some members of his family doubted that he had passed away in Paris.

IN HIDING

Though it is easy to be jaded when hearing conspiracies such as these, there is some convincing evidence to suggest that all is not as it seems with the Morrison case. No autopsy was ever performed. People who knew him well – including band member Ray Manzarek – believed that he was still alive and Morrison's own remarks that he wanted to escape the life of a rock star are all telling. However, the most



Morrison enjoyed the anonymity he found in Paris.



convincing evidence is that more than a week after he had been “buried”, Pamela Courson told a journalist working for United Press that Jim was staying at a special clinic outside Paris to convalesce from illness.

AN INEVITABLE END

Towards the end of his life, Jim Morrison was an overweight, chain-smoking alcoholic who lived very dangerously by keeping up his intake of narcotics while also taking prescription medicines to combat his asthma. The death of someone in those circumstances is hardly surprising – it is pretty much inevitable.

“SOME OF MORRISON’S FRIENDS AND EVEN SOME MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY DOUBTED THAT HE HAD PASSED AWAY”

The main suspects

Jim Morrison

It is rumoured that some people who had contractual arrangements with him in the music business immediately assumed that his death was staged in order to facilitate an easy release from some troublesome, binding contracts that he would have had to fulfil had he lived. Established facts also show that Morrison was enjoying the anonymity of his life in Paris and took great care to ensure that there were no new publicity pictures showing what he looked like after he left LA so he would not be disturbed. He talked of escaping his fame. Faking his death may have been the perfect way to achieve this aim.



Friends of Jim Morrison

Some suspect that the confusion over Morrison’s death stems from the fact that they wanted to disguise that he died of a drug overdose. Chief conspirator in this intrigue would have been his partner, the late Pamela Courson, who was purported to have had his body removed from the infamous Parisian junkie joint The Rock ‘n’ Roll Circus to their apartment in order to avoid a scandal and police questioning. This might explain her actions after she “found” Jim unconscious in the bath – her first few telephone calls were to friends, not to the paramedics.

Or could it have been...

The FBI

The FBI had kept Morrison under surveillance when he had been in the US. Files and memoranda to the then Director of the FBI – the infamous J Edgar Hoover – make mention of him trying to “provoke chaos”. The Bureau certainly kept tabs on those they thought capable of inciting rebellion or drug use among the young, and on people who were in contact with those thought to be subversive – two counts on which Morrison definitely qualified for attention. It should not come as too much of a surprise that some conspiracy theorists have conjectured that the FBI was involved in the strange circumstances surrounding Morrison’s (alleged) death because they wished to ensure that Jim did not return to the USA and start provoking that chaos again.

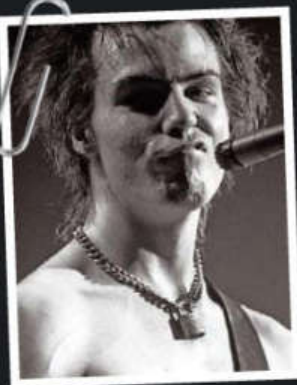


Worldwide witch cult

Morrison had an intense interest in witchcraft and is said to have been an active participant in at least one witch cult. It is claimed by some conspiracy theorists, with an interesting grasp of the word “fact”, that Morrison was abducted as part of a dark plot to obtain the living representation of Dionysus – Greek god of fertility and wine – for ritual sacrifice.

SID VICIOUS

WAS THE INFAMOUS PUNK ROCKER AS VICIOUS AS HIS NAME SUGGESTS?



When New York's finest entered Room 100 of the Chelsea Hotel on 12 October, 1978, they discovered a horrific sight. Lying beneath the bathroom

sink, clad only in her underwear and covered in blood, was Nancy Spungen. She was dead, killed by a single knife blow to her abdomen. Her boyfriend, himself in a drug-induced muddle, was Sid Vicious, bass player with the then notorious punk band, The Sex Pistols. He was charged with Spungen's murder and later released on \$50,000 bail.

The romance between Sid Vicious (born John Simon Ritchie) and Nancy Spungen was the stuff rock 'n' roll nightmares are made of. After being recruited by his best friend John Lydon – aka Johnny Rotten – to replace the existing bass player in his band, the Sex Pistols (named after Malcolm McLaren and Vivienne Westwood's London boutique, "Sex"), Vicious soon found himself at the epicentre of pop-culture phenomenon. The band was already notorious in the United Kingdom. Spearheading the UK punk movement, the Pistols had originally been put together by McLaren to specifically appeal to the disaffected youth of England. With songs calculated to infuriate all the wrong people (anyone over 30), The Pistols tore through England on the breaking wave of punk rock. With songs such as *Anarchy In The UK* and *God Save The Queen*, coupled with outrageous outbursts on television and other media, they were nothing short of a slow-motion atom bomb about to shake the foundations of pop culture worldwide.

"SPUNGEN AND VICIOUS MET IN 1977 AND SOON BECAME LOVERS, CAREENING INTO AN AFFAIR"

Which wasn't bad for Vicious, considering there was debate about whether he ever knew how to play the bass at all. Instead, he relied more on image: cutting himself with razor blades, spitting blood and even urinating while on stage. The anarchy poster boy, beloved by many newborn punk rockers, he proved irresistible to one fan, an American girl called Nancy Spungen, who came over to England with the express purpose of capturing the heart – or anything else – of a Pistol. She and Vicious met in 1977 and soon became lovers, careening into an affair riddled with drug abuse. Vicious' love of Spungen, coupled with

Spungen's abrasive personality, became so intense that it began to tear the band apart.

When the Pistols' ill-fated American tour ended abruptly, with Johnny Rotten returning to England in disgust, Vicious stayed with Spungen, finally ending up in New York's Chelsea Hotel. After Spungen's death, out of despair Vicious attempted suicide, carving his entire forearm with a knife. Somehow surviving that, he succumbed to a heroin overdose (brought for him by his mother, fearing her son might get caught in a police sting) on 2 February, 1979. He was only 21.

Sid and Nancy were the iconic punk couple of the Seventies.

THE BOYFRIENDS



FRAMED

Theories have arisen over the possibility of a conspiracy concerning Vicious' death. There are dark hints that there was more at hand than the tragic deaths of two heroin-addicts, and even murmurs that Vicious may not have killed Spungen at all.

VICIOUS BY NATURE?

However tormented and tortuous the relationship between Spungen and Vicious, it was painfully clear to all those around him that he needed her, perhaps more than anything or anyone else. Regardless of his state of intoxication, to kill her would seem completely out of character. In telephone conversations with Spungen's mother after Nancy's death, Vicious never made any comments about it at all. If he were as guilt-ridden over killing her as we would be led to believe, would he be able to hide his pain that well? In all other things, Vicious was not known as a paragon of restraint.



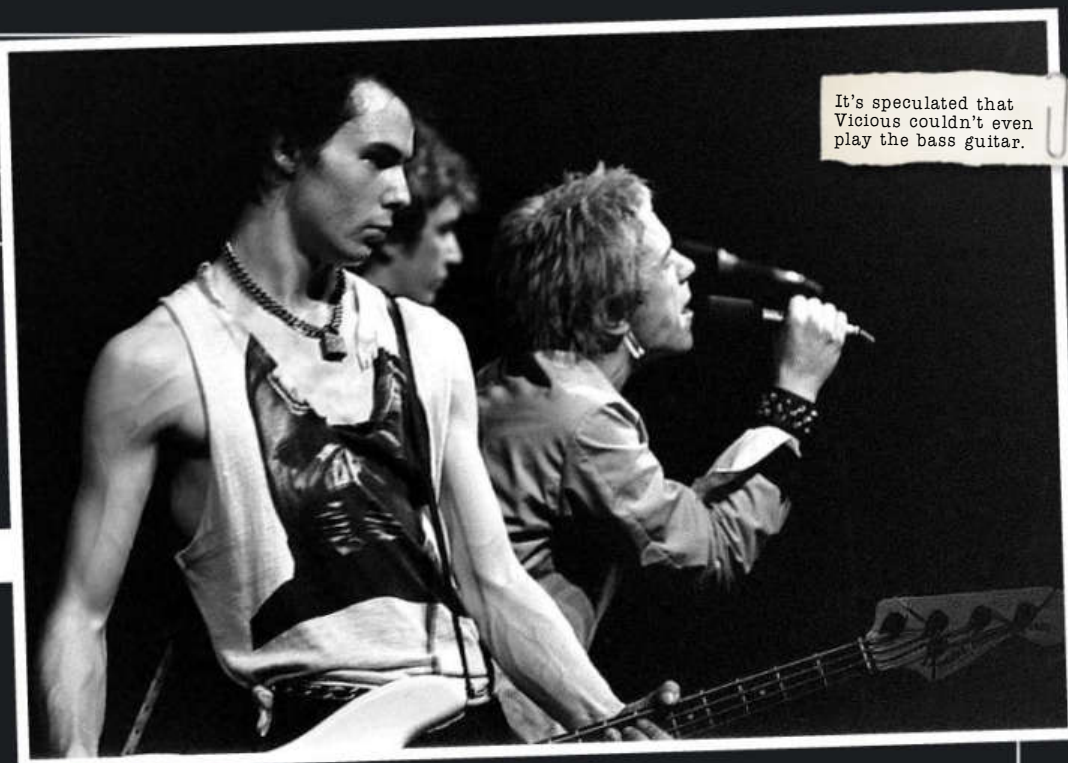
FACT OR FICTION?

While Sid's mother was returning her son's ashes to England, John Lydon claims that she dropped the urn in Heathrow, scattering them across the airport floor. A significant proportion of them were sucked into the ventilation system.

SEX. DRUGS

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Although it would be romantic to think that all the rock stars who die young do so because the "Powers That Be" want them dead, there are times when death is simply a tragic end to a tragic story. Sid Vicious was a young man with questionable musical talent, who was simply in the right place at the right time looking the right way. When McLaren created the Sex Pistols he wanted stars he could manipulate and he got that with Vicious. Unlike general perceptions of John Lennon and Jim Morrison, the idea that Vicious could ever be a threat to American society is ludicrous. He was the "It Boy" of the punk generation, and nothing more. If his death was to be chalked down to anything, it should be heroin, and the equally dangerous drug of media exposure.



It's speculated that Vicious couldn't even play the bass guitar.

The main suspects

Unknown residents of the Chelsea Hotel
Keeping in mind the drug-hazed state of Vicious and of Spungen before her death, it's entirely probable that someone other than Vicious may have killed Spungen. In his befuddled state of mind, he may not even have been aware of the murder. The perpetrators, worried about the truth coming out if Vicious' case went to trial, ensured his silence by making sure that Vicious' mother brought a lethally cut dose of heroin for her son.



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Former associates

Some conspiracy theorists feel that former friends and associates of Vicious may have had him supplied with a hit of lethal "hot" heroin. This was meant as an unusual act of mercy to spare him having to face the living hell of a long prison sentence served out in New York's most notorious jail, a place he would not have been vicious enough to survive.

Or could it have been...

The CIA and FBI

Just as the murder of John Lennon may be attributed to a mutual desire by the CIA and FBI to remove any pop-culture figure that could possibly lead the population to revolt, Vicious might have been killed because he represented punk anarchy in all its glory. He had the potential to give American youth a role model that made the young Elvis look the model of respectability. Indeed, some theories suggest that Vicious could have been a simple trial run of a CIA or FBI rub-out programme before attention moved on to the more difficult task of removing Lennon. Both men died, coincidentally, in New York.

BRUCE LEE

A MARTIAL ARTS MEGA-STAR, THE CONFUSION AROUND THE DEATH OF BRUCE LEE STILL REMAINS TODAY...



Sometimes death does not end the web of intrigue that has grown up around a celebrity during his life. In fact, sometimes death is only the start of

greater and stranger speculations.

In late July 1973, when they laid to rest the body of Bruce Lee, dressed in the Chinese costume he wore in the movie *Enter The Dragon*, in Seattle's Lakeview Cemetery, they did not succeed in burying the mystery surrounding his death. A much-loved but controversial figure who made many enemies, Lee was 32

and at the height of his career when he suddenly died after falling into a coma. The subsequent coroner's report was inconclusive and the numerous medical experts who looked at the case could only agree on one thing – that death had been brought about by a swelling of his brain.

On the fateful day of his death, Lee met film producer Raymond Chow at his home in the early afternoon and spent a couple of hours working with him on the film *The Game Of Death*. The pair then went over to the home of Taiwanese actress Betty Tingpei, who was starring in the movie. Chow left for a meeting and Lee complained of having a headache. Tingpei gave him an Equagesic tablet – a form of powerful aspirin – and he took a nap. Chow rang Tingpei to invite her and Lee out for dinner, but the actress could not wake the sleeping star. By the time Lee arrived at the Queen Elizabeth hospital he was dead. Dr Lycette of the hospital

felt that the death was a result of Lee being hypersensitive to compounds in the Equagesic tablet, but other medical authorities disagreed and rumours of a conspiracy began to spread throughout Hong Kong and the rest of the martial arts world.

ALREADY DEAD?

Months before Lee was officially declared dead, rumours had been circulating around Hong Kong that the actor had died. These grew so strong that journalists on one of Hong Kong's largest newspapers wouldn't believe he was alive until they had actually spoken personally to Bruce Lee and subjected him to some rigorous questioning to ensure it was really him.

This does tend to suggest that his eventual death may not have been as unexpected as the official version of events suggests, and for many it was just a matter of time.

“THE MEDICAL AUTHORITIES PUT FORWARD NO LESS THAN FIVE DIFFERENT THEORIES TO EXPLAIN WHAT CAUSED THE SWELLING OF THE BRAIN”



FACT OR FICTION?

Lee frequently reflected on the possibility of an early death and at times appeared to welcome the prospect. His wife Linda is quoted as saying that Bruce had no wish to live to old age as he found the prospect of losing his physical abilities too horrifying to contemplate. Death as an escape from failing strength may not have been the only reason Lee contemplated dying young. It is known that he took the idea of the first-born of his family being cursed by demons seriously enough to use magic to try and protect his son.



Suspicious have surrounded the death of Lee, could witchcraft have been involved?



Thirty years after his death, Bruce Lee remains a martial arts' legend.

The main suspects

The Triads

In the Seventies, Chinese criminal organisations – such as the Triads – often demanded protection money from Hong Kong-based movie stars. Lee was known to have stood up to their demands and may have been poisoned as a result of this brave move – he was so adored by the Hong Kong public that he had to be disposed of in a subtle way. Could this have also sent a message to others that standing up to the organisations would not be tolerated?



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Secret martial art masters

A popular and plausible conjecture is that Lee was killed on the instructions of a cabal of secret martial art masters who were angered that he had taught too many of their secrets to foreigners. It is true that Lee had already had many problems with the traditional Chinese martial arts establishment. Given the nature of the dim mak known to these masters, this theory is not easily dismissed (dim mak is a death touch that can be administered by glancing contact and is impossible for an autopsy to detect).

NO ANSWERS

One thing that persuades many that there is a conspiracy behind Bruce Lee's death is the confusion over the medical evidence surrounding his demise. The coroner's report proved inconclusive and the medical authorities put forward no less than five different theories to explain what caused the swelling of the brain that led to his untimely death.

NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE...

Much of the speculation of the circumstances surrounding the conspiracy can be explained by the fact that when Raymond Chow announced Lee's death on television he omitted the fact that he had not died at home but in the apartment of Betty Tingpei. The attempt to cover up this possibly embarrassing detail may have led many people to become convinced that there was a lot more going on behind the scenes, especially when there was an unsolved medical puzzle over the exact cause of the fatal swelling of the brain.



Lee's son Brandon died in mysterious circumstances during the shooting of the movie *The Crow*.

Or was it...

Ancient Chinese Demons

It is rumoured that Lee felt his family was suffering from an ancient curse that ensured that the first-born son of any generation would be haunted by demons. The tradition of this curse in his family was so strong that when Bruce was born he was originally given a girl's name to confuse the demonic powers. More than one conspiracy theorist feels that this theory has been strengthened by the strange case of the death of Brandon Lee, Bruce's son, who died after a mysterious handgun accident during the filming of movie blockbuster *The Crow*.

Bruce Lee

An even wilder conspiracy theory proposes that Lee is still alive and that he staged his supposed death in an attempt to escape from either the pressures of fame or the evil intent of various Triad gangs. Those that believe this hypothesis also think that Lee may return at some unspecified point in the future. He certainly is not spotted as much as Elvis.

MARILYN MONROE

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE DEATH OF THE WORLD'S FIRST GLOBAL SEX SYMBOL



On 19 May 1962, President John F. Kennedy enjoyed a very public birthday celebration at New York's famous Madison Square Garden. At the

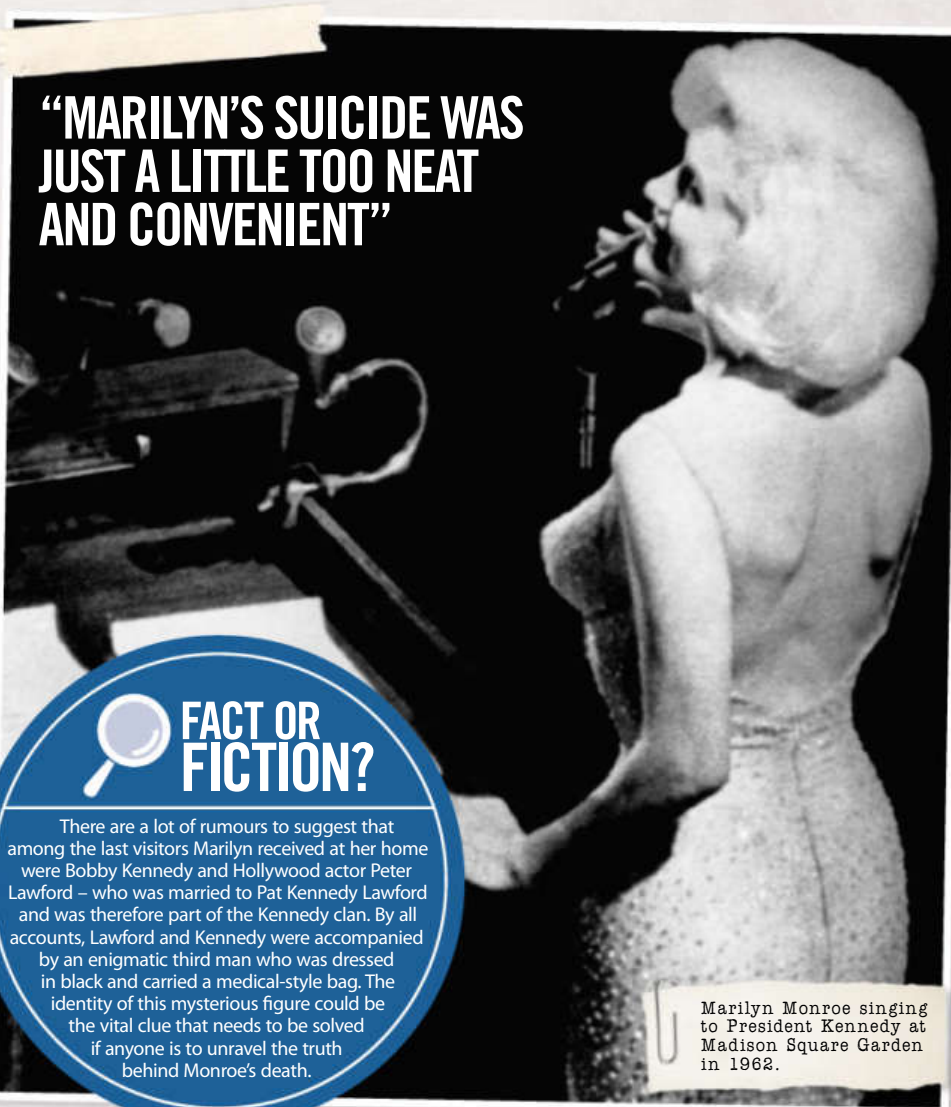
celebrity-studded bash, more than 15,000 people saw Marilyn Monroe sing "Happy Birthday" to JFK in breathless, sexual whispers that have entered into pop-culture legend.

Just a few months later on 4 August 1962, the 36-year-old woman, born as Norma Jean Mortenson, was dead – found naked amid her silk sheets, an empty bottle of powerful barbiturates on her dressing table. Marilyn Monroe was a true Hollywood legend and probably the world's first global sex symbol, yet behind the legend is a tragic story of a tortured soul; an alcoholic who had been abused by all of the famous, powerful men in her life. Everything pointed towards the fact that the star had taken her own life.

On the other hand, some have always felt that Marilyn's suicide was just a little too neat and convenient, especially for a range of interested parties such as JFK, Robert F. Kennedy, the Mafia, the CIA and the FBI – who all had good reasons for wanting her to be kept silent. The best way for a murder to go undiscovered is for it to look like an accident or a suicide. Conspiracy theorists have never believed Marilyn Monroe deliberately or accidentally took her own life. Remarkably, one thing that almost all those who believe Monroe was murdered agree on, is that if she was killed, it was probably done while she was held down with pillows and injected in the foot with barbiturates.

A NATIONAL THREAT

It became well known in the years following her death that Marilyn had been the mistress of both John and Bobby Kennedy and that the CIA and FBI were keeping her under surveillance, both as a possible threat to national security and as a risk to the President's reputation. Given the level of their involvement in monitoring the star and the clear suggestion that evidence about her last few



"MARILYN'S SUICIDE WAS JUST A LITTLE TOO NEAT AND CONVENIENT"



FACT OR FICTION?

There are a lot of rumours to suggest that among the last visitors Marilyn received at her home were Bobby Kennedy and Hollywood actor Peter Lawford – who was married to Pat Kennedy Lawford and was therefore part of the Kennedy clan. By all accounts, Lawford and Kennedy were accompanied by an enigmatic third man who was dressed in black and carried a medical-style bag. The identity of this mysterious figure could be the vital clue that needs to be solved if anyone is to unravel the truth behind Monroe's death.

Marilyn Monroe singing to President Kennedy at Madison Square Garden in 1962.

days of life had been tampered with or covered up, a plot to murder Marilyn is not entirely without credibility.

BROKEN PROMISES

In recent years, legal documents dating from 1960 have come to light. These documents seem to prove that the Kennedy family promised to give Marilyn Monroe \$600,000 in a trust fund for her mother, Gladys Baker, if Marilyn kept quiet about what she knew of the links between JFK and Mafia boss Sam Giancana. After the star died, it appears as if this pledge was broken and all references to it were covered up. These documents quickly became the subject of a hotly fought court action in the United States. Debate

about their authenticity still rages. However, tests on the paper, ink and signatures have all suggested that the documents are valid. If this is the case, they are the strongest evidence to come to light that the Kennedy clan may have had a hand in the star's death.

A DAMAGED WOMAN

It is easy to connect a lot of disparate dots in a revealing manner when it comes to the death of Marilyn Monroe. Affairs with the highest officials in the land, FBI files and links to the Mafia are all suggestive but do not necessarily mean that there was a conspiracy. By August 1962, Monroe was a psychologically damaged alcoholic: neither an accidental drug overdose nor a deliberate act



Peter Lawford (centre) and Robert Kennedy (right) were among the last people to see Monroe alive.



Monroe lived an eventful life, but did that lead to her being murdered?

of suicide would necessarily have been out of character for Marilyn at that stage of her life. The screen goddess always had a legendary quality about her during life and the conspiracy theories may just be an extension of the inevitable Hollywood myth-making process that doesn't stop just because the star concerned does.

The main suspects

The CIA

The CIA was keeping Marilyn under surveillance because her time as JFK's mistress meant that she had knowledge that made her a potential threat to national security. Whether this concerned the CIA's use of the Mafia to try and eliminate Castro and blackmail other heads of state is unknown, but the CIA's interest in the blonde bombshell is as certain as its agents' ability to carry out a discrete murder.



The Mafia

Having shared her bed with the President JFK, the Attorney-General RFK and various high-powered members of the Mafia – including the mighty Sam Giancana – Monroe knew things that could have destroyed the most powerful people in the US. When her usefulness to the Mafia had run its course with the end of her affair with Robert F Kennedy, they may have felt she was a dangerous loose cannon that needed silencing.

The FBI

Marilyn had been attempting to blackmail RFK into continuing their affair and may have been attempting a more audacious blackmail of JFK – threatening to expose the fact that he had only become President with the vote-fixing aid of the Chicago mob. FBI boss J Edgar Hoover was no friend of the Kennedy family, but as a self-styled patriot may have been happy to solve their problem with Monroe, to save the nation from scandal. Once he had arranged for Marilyn's death, he could control the upstart Kennedy brothers, forcing them to allow him to remain as head of the Bureau that had effectively become his own private police force.

Or could it have been...

The Catholic Church

One organisation that the Kennedy clan trusted completely and which had links to the CIA and the mob was the Catholic Church. JFK was the United States' first Catholic President and the Church was keen to ensure that nothing threatened its man in the White House. Some have suggested that the desire to protect him even went as far as arranging for the death of his troublesome former mistress.



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Men in Black

If the prospect of the original men in black – Catholic priests – is not unusual enough, there are some who have suggested that Monroe was eliminated by the actual Men In Black who are charged with keeping the lid on the UFO conspiracy. If JFK knew the truth about extra-terrestrial life, he might have told Marilyn and thereby set in chain the series of events that led up to her death when she became uncontrollable and liable to reveal the secrets he had shared with her.

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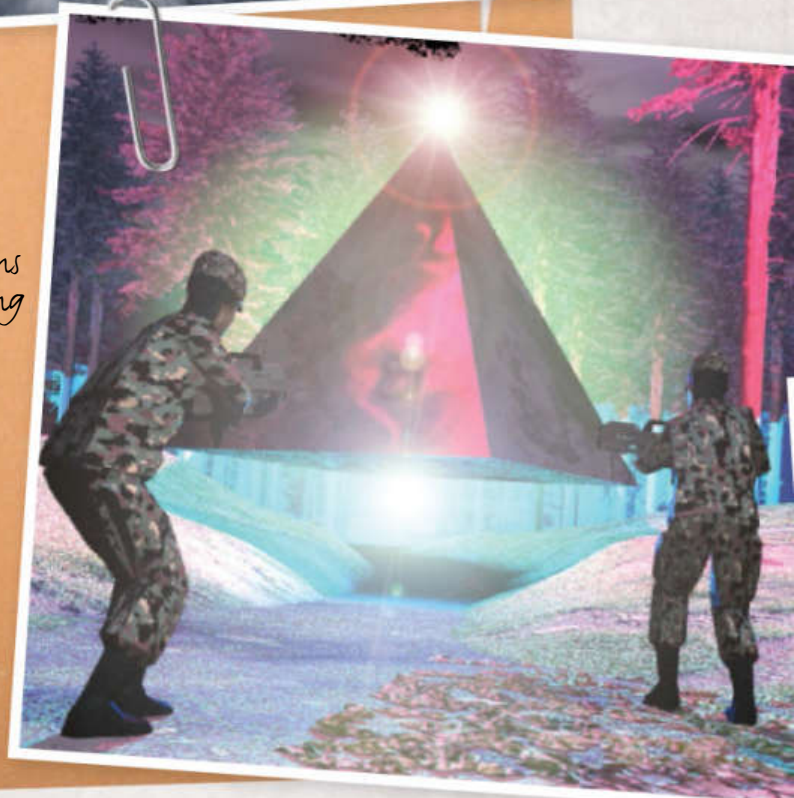
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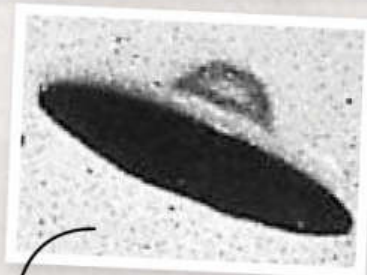




Are the Men in Black the good guys?



Who's living on the Moon?



Have UFOs really been spotted?

“THE LIVES OF INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE BEING DISRUPTED BY OTHERWORLDLY KIDNAPPINGS”



Aliens at Roswell



ALIEN ABDUCTIONS

EXTRA TERRESTRIAL KIDNAPPINGS EXPLAINED

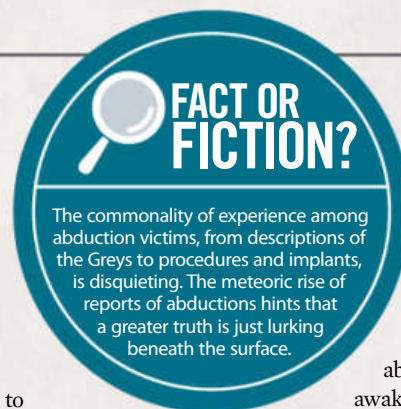


lives of innocent men and women are apparently being disrupted by incidents of otherworldly kidnappings. Suddenly, they find themselves forcibly removed from their homes, transported to alien crafts or environments where they are horribly violated by creatures from beyond

One of the most prevalent conspiracy theories disturbing the sleep of millions of people today is that of alien abductions. All over the world, the

the stars. What makes these incidents all the more terrifying is the complete helplessness of the victims, who are completely at the mercy of these inscrutable aliens and their disturbing medical procedures.

Researchers into alien abductions have attempted to categorise the kidnappings, searching for common threads of experience among the various abductees. Among those categories are the basic physical abduction, where abductees talk of feeling tranquillized, then watching placidly as they are moved to an alien ship. They might be moved there by a smaller craft, by some form of tractor beam, or by some kind of inter-dimensional "gate". Some abductees



The commonality of experience among abduction victims, from descriptions of the Greys to procedures and implants, is disquieting. The meteoric rise of reports of abductions hints that a greater truth is just lurking beneath the surface.

find themselves experiencing a lucid dream created by aliens, in which a normal dream disintegrates and is replaced by telepathic messages or visual images. As in the bio-extraction scenario, a beam of whitish energy or light emanating from the ceiling above them is sometimes seen by awakening victims.

While abductions and kidnappings have been reported throughout history, there seems to be an increase in the frequency of late. It's almost as if the perpetrators – aliens, the Greys, or whoever is responsible for these heinous crimes against humanity – are growing increasingly desperate.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Throughout the ages, abduction is one of the great themes of horror stories. Some even try to suggest links between abduction by fairies and abduction by little grey men makes them one and the same. Maybe they are, but only in the sense that our collective minds updated our nightmares after watching Steven Spielberg's film *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*.

SURGICAL IMPLANTS

Following abduction experiences, many victims have found themselves implanted with small metal devices, usually in the nasal cavities, but often found in other areas of the body. When these implants are successfully removed by surgeons, their mysterious origins become no less clear. The metal that is used to create many of these devices is unknown to today's science, and their purpose remains an unsettling mystery. Are these implants tracking devices, or something more?

PARANOIA

The same phenomenon occurred at the end of the 19th Century. Although then, instead of aliens abducting people, it was fairies. The phenomenon could be chalked up to people watching films and TV shows that show alien abductions and having similar dreams. Or it could be people just jumping on a bandwagon...



The Greys are the most common type of abductors of unwilling humans.

The Greys' image has become ingrained in pop culture.



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Many abductees report being taken to an alien craft by some form of tractor beam.

The main suspects

The Greys

The Greys are the most common type of alien experienced in the abduction scenario. Small creatures with melon-shaped heads and huge, black, slanted eyes, they are at the root of many alien conspiracy theories. The current thoughts on their involvement in abductions are varied, from an optimistic hope that they are our descendants coming back in time to save the Earth from destruction, to a darker suspicion that they are extracting sperm and ova from humans to save their own race. Under this hypothesis the Greys are a race of clones that has lost the ability to reproduce sexually; the Greys hope to create a hybrid between themselves and humans in order to survive.



The US Government

The Majestic 12 – also known as MJ-12 – is a powerful shadow group within the US government that may be working with the Greys, allowing them to continue their experiments in exchange for technology. This deal has allegedly helped give rise to weapons such as the B-2 stealth bomber and the F-117 stealth fighter. Many abductees recall seeing military personnel and installations, often without seeing aliens. (This poses the question of whether this arrangement is merely a matter of working in conjunction with the Greys, or whether the US government has its own agenda – perhaps mind control?) Using masterful disinformation tactics, this group discredits and ridicules any research into UFOs and indeed, anything else that may shed light on the mysterious Greys, thereby ensuring continued abduction work, continued misery for thousands, and continued technological payoffs for the US government.

Or could it have been...

Dolphins

The Greys may be either future descendants of dolphins or genetic extrapolations of dolphins that travel back to our time for their own nefarious purposes. The similarities between Greys and dolphins, in skin texture, colour and their ability to emanate an ultrasonic blast to stun enemies (Greys use the "Stare" to subdue abductees, for example), bear consideration.



“MANY VICTIMS HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES IMPLANTED WITH SMALL METAL DEVICES, USUALLY IN THE NASAL CAVITIES”

ROSWELL

A MYSTERIOUS AIRCRAFT CRASHES IN THE DESERT AND THE WORLD IS CHANGED FOREVER



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It was 3 July, 1947 when W W “Mac” Brazel saddled his horse and rode out to check his sheep on his sprawling New Mexico ranch. There had been a thunderstorm the night before, and Brazel felt concerned for his animals’ safety. But as he rode, he came across bits of strange wreckage strewn across the land. He discovered what appeared to be a wreck of some sort. A huge gouge had been dug into the earth, running for hundreds of feet. Mystified, Brazel retrieved a piece of the strange material that littered the ground, showing it to a neighbour. Wondering if he was holding something from a government project or possibly a UFO, he drove to nearby Roswell to talk to local sheriff, George Wilcox. By doing so, he launched one of the most enduring nesting grounds for conspiracies.

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The truth about the incident at Roswell has remained hidden behind government subterfuge and the unreliability of ageing eyewitnesses. What is undisputed is that Wilcox dutifully reported the wreckage to Intelligence Officer Major Jesse Marcel of the 509th Bomb Squad. For the next few days, the site was closed off as the US Army Air Force removed the wreckage. On 8 July, 1947, a press release prepared by the USAF reported the debris was from a “flying disc”. The following day, however, the government quickly retracted the story, stating firmly that the mysterious debris was not from a flying saucer, but merely the wreckage of a crashed weather balloon.

And there the story ended, or so the US government had hoped. But strange stories began to grow, gaining strength by the unusual silence from military and government leaders.

Among these stories were tales that it was indeed a crashed flying saucer, that the government was covering it up; that there were actual alien bodies aboard the ship, and even that some of the aliens had survived the crash of their craft. More than 50 years have passed since the mysterious incident at Roswell.

Conspiracy theories have flourished, generating



FACT OR FICTION?

After driving out to the airfield hospital, the Roswell mortician Glenn Dennis saw several bits of the craft wreckage carved with strange and unrecognisable engravings. Speaking to a nurse that worked there, she explained about the mysterious bodies, going so far as to draw Dennis pictures of the bodies on a prescription pad. A few days later, the nurse was mysteriously assigned to a post in England, and then seemed, apparently, to drop off the face of the Earth.



much media attention and providing an eternal burr beneath the skin of the government.

Eventually the US Air Force released a report – The Roswell Report: Case Closed – on June 24, 1994, in a vain attempt to shut the lid on perhaps the greatest Pandora’s Box the conspiracy world has ever known.

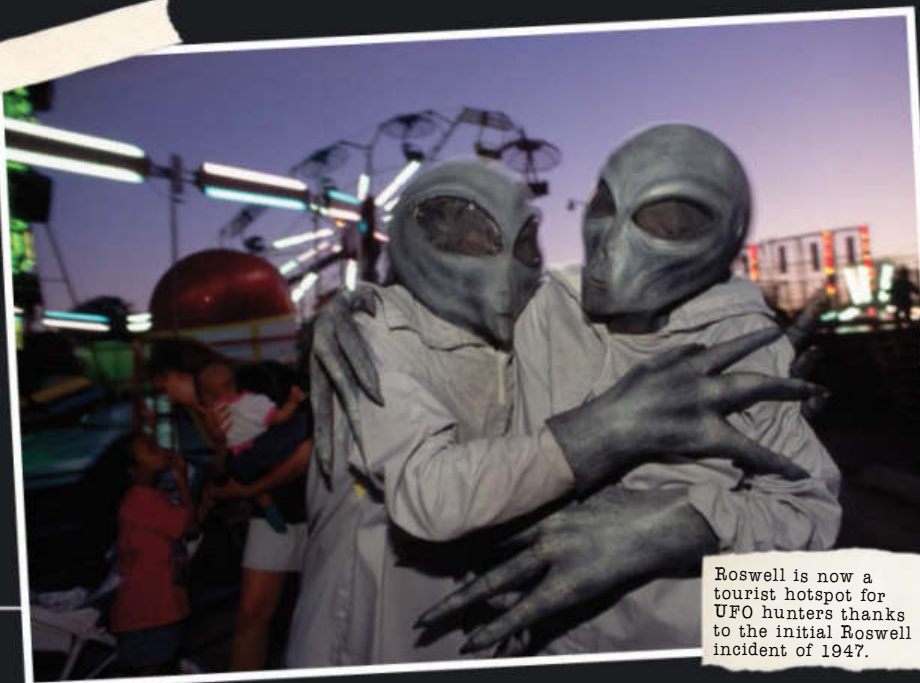
Not surprisingly, it failed.

ALIEN AUTOPSY

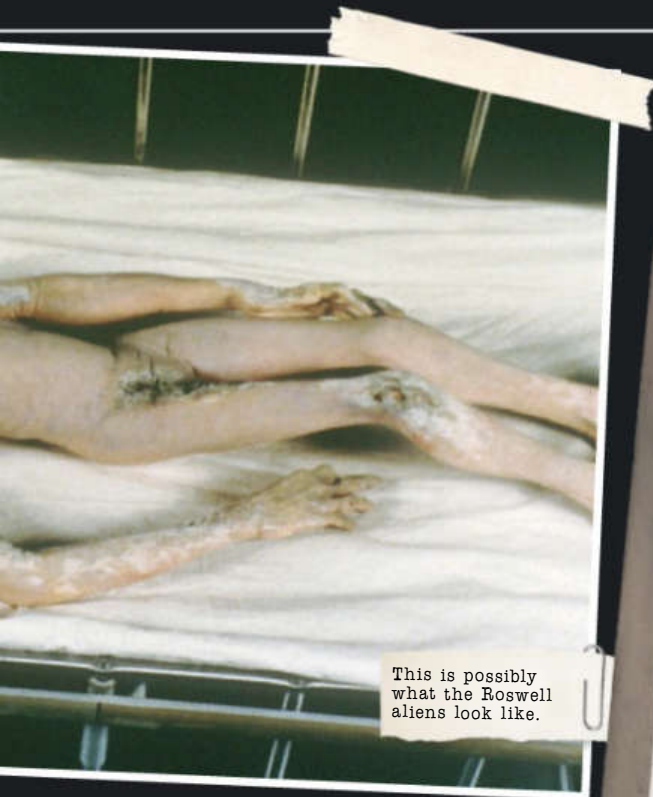
During the clean up of debris, Glenn Dennis, a mortician working in a Roswell funeral home, answered a few phone calls from the morgue at the local airfield. The Mortuary Officer there was looking for information on how to best preserve bodies that had been outside for a few days without suffering further contamination of the bodies’ tissues. He also requested small, hermetically sealed coffins.

EVIDENCE

The need for the Air Force to release a “final report” implies a guilty conscience. If there was really nothing to the Roswell incident, why go to the trouble, expense and possible ridicule of commissioning and publishing a report? The sudden leap forward in technology that followed the Roswell crash, especially the invention of transistors, is suspicious.



Roswell is now a tourist hotspot for UFO hunters thanks to the initial Roswell incident of 1947.



This is possibly what the Roswell aliens look like.

WILD ACCOUNTS

The wild variations in the accounts of several "eyewitnesses" and the pure schlock of such gems as the purported Roswell alien autopsy video give this potentially devastating event all the appeal of a trailer park fun fair. It has become alien conspiracy's equivalent of Elvis sightings.



Harry Truman was US President at the time.

"A HUGE GOUGE HAD BEEN DUG INTO THE EARTH, RUNNING FOR HUNDREDS OF FEET"

The main suspects

The US Government

A crashed UFO would have been a major technological windfall for the US government, and it would have wanted to keep such a find as secret as possible. Some people feel that the Roswell crash led the military into trying to decipher the mystery of the downed craft, reverse-engineering the alien technology to derive new weapons and anti-gravity capabilities. President Truman allegedly visited the crash site, and may even have spoken to surviving aliens. Shortly afterwards, Truman instigated the removal of all of the UFO crash material, including that found at Roswell, into the keeping of an anonymous multinational syndicate that now controls all UFO technology.

The US government has even been accused of torturing the alien survivors of Roswell, if not killing them outright, according to a secret policy of dealing with extra-terrestrials. Other, less fantastic theories place the blame on to the military, testing secret planes built using Albert Einstein's withdrawn work on gravity field theory.



The Greys

There's no shortage of theories that state the Greys are using mankind to perfect genetic manipulations in order to save their own race. Alarmed that mankind had graduated to using nuclear weapons in 1945 (in much the same way we would if we discovered a pet hamster with an Uzi), the Greys reportedly began reconnaissance missions around military bases. This could have been the case at Roswell, where two ships may have collided, or the reconnaissance craft could simply have been struck by lightning.

Or could it have been...

The Soviets

During the raging Cold War paranoia, it was suspected that the Soviets might have perfected their offensive missile capability with pilfered Nazi technology. The Roswell debris could have been the remains of a failed missile attack.



Hollow Earth Mole Men

There is a theory that the middle of the Earth is a hollow space containing land masses, a sun and oceans. According to that theory, the race living there might have been alarmed, much like the Greys, at the rise of nuclear testing by the creatures living on the surface of the planet. Flying out of the huge polar holes that lead to the hollow part of the Earth, these "Mole Men" may have crashed their ship on a reconnaissance mission.

THE RENDLESHAM LANDING

THE RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT IS ALSO KNOWN AS “ENGLAND’S ROSWELL”



There are mean-spirited cynics who will tell you that conspiracy theorists live only for the moment when they can rub their hands together and say, “I told

you so.” But in the annals of alien conspiracies, there is only one case where the conspiracy research can leap up like an overactive dog and shout, “I told you so, it is official – there was a conspiracy!” That case is Rendlesham.

On 27 December, 1980, an Unidentified Flying Object landed in a clearing in Rendlesham Forest next to the joint USAF air bases of Bentwaters and Woodbridge near Ipswich, England. Deputy Base Commander Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt and several of his men witnessed the landing. It was tracked by British military radar and left behind physical evidence. Twelve years later, a British Parliamentary Watchdog ruled that the UK government had attempted to cover up all of the above facts. In 2002, Parliamentary Ombudsman Ann Abraham ruled that the UK Ministry of Defence had refused to divulge full details of the Rendlesham witness accounts and conspired to prevent knowledge of the event ever becoming known.

The incident is regarded as one of the most important ever UFO sightings and has become known as the “English Roswell”. Possibly, it is just coincidence that both cases involve the US military and happened close to highly sensitive military bases with links to top-secret arms of American nuclear defence structure. Alongside being the only alien conspiracy where a government attempt to cover up the facts has been proven and exposed, no other case has as many staggering eyewitness accounts by highly credible military professionals.

Shortly after midnight on Boxing Day, radar screens at RAF Watton in Norfolk showed the sudden appearance of an object near



Rendlesham Forest. Given that the twin airbases leased to the USAF on the perimeter of the forest housed a vast stockpile of weapons, alarm intensified when the object suddenly disappeared before reappearing without warning on the radar of the Bentwaters base. While

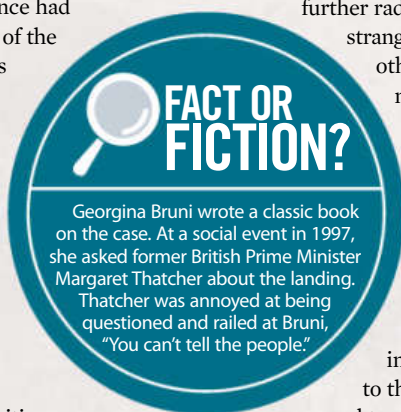
further radar confirmations of the strange craft were coming in from other tracking stations, three military policemen saw light in the trees outside the back gate of the airfield and set off, fearing a crash. In his report of that night Lt Col Halt wrote, “They reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. Metallic in appearance and triangular in shape approximately two to three metres across the base and two metres high. It illuminated

the entire forest with a white light. The object itself has a pulsating red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.”

The next night Lt Col Halt joined a patrol that found three depressions on the forest floor where the object had been sighted. Radiation

readings of ten times the normal level were discovered and as they were investigating the craft returned. Several years after the incident, Halt released an 18-minute audiocassette made on the night of the encounter. It makes chilling listening, especially the moment when another officer on the patrol sees the craft and shouts, “Look at the colours! Shit!” The tape also records the panic-stricken men as they see a beam from the craft disabling electrical devices in the area for a time and other military personnel in the area recording the event with both still and video cameras.

Given the impeccable witnesses and multiple types of physical evidence, you might think the public would at last be told that things that were unidentifiable and flew really did exist. However, in the years that followed, both the American and British military did everything in their power to cover up the Rendlesham Forest incident. It even seemed as if other shadowy elements were also involved in a conspiracy to enforce silence – discrediting, scaring and threatening anyone witnessing the case, or who had knowledge of it. In 1983 conspiracy researchers got their first major break when a copy of a memo written by Lt Col Halt to the British Ministry of Defence was released under the Freedom of Information Act. With the first part of the puzzle out in the open, the battle to reveal the truth really began.



AERONAUT ENTITIES

As more and more of the US military witnesses to the landing on the second night were identified, one USAF security patrolman, Larry Warren, even went public with an account claiming that he saw three "aeronaut entities" communicating with senior officers. The next morning, he and colleagues were checked for radiation exposure and instructed to sign statements, which merely mentioned seeing "unusual lights". The statements were arranged by members of the National Security Agency and warned them not to discuss what they had seen.

MEN IN BLACK

Despite the fact that it was tracked by radar, left impressions in the ground and massive radiation readings, the military and others later tried to claim that the event was purely down to the revolving beam of the Orford Ness lighthouse, five miles away. The depressions in the earth were merely rabbit diggings and the radiation was of natural levels. Many witnesses were sacked, defamed, harassed, stalked and threatened by the authorities as well as military intelligence agents and shadowy "men in black" – all of which is a bit over the top if the soldiers and civilians had just mistaken a lighthouse!

GOING NUCLEAR

Hands up all those who are surprised that the UK government and the US military conspired to keep quiet about something strange landing close to an air force base housing enough nuclear to turn all of Europe into a radioactive wasteland?

The main suspects

The NSA

The US National Security Agency had a strong presence at the bases and played a key role in attempting to keep the landing secret. The NSA have an alleged contact and humans-for-advanced-technology exchange programme with the Greys and Rendlesham was purely a routine business meeting that was accidentally witnessed by Lt Col Halt and his men.



Project Phoenix

An ultra-secret programme run by America's Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency. One element of Project Phoenix may be dealing with advanced microwave, laser and hologram weapons meant to create totally convincing illusions to baffle and demoralize the enemy. Rendlesham may have been an experiment to test the credulity of crack troops as well as assessing the impact on morale amongst elite warriors of these weapons.

"RADAR AT RAF WATTON IN NORFOLK SHOWED THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF AN OBJECT NEAR RENDELSHAM FOREST"

Or could it have been...

Parallel Earth travellers

In medieval times, in an area close to Rendlesham, two mysterious green-skinned children were found, causing some to speculate that this part of Suffolk is home to a gateway to a parallel Earth. The visitors to Rendlesham may not have been extra-terrestrial visitors but instead, extra-dimensional. Either they took a wrong turning or were on a scouting mission to our Earth.



Zeta Reticulans

Grey humanoid aliens from Zeta Reticula were scouting the US bases as elements of the American military are in a secret alliance with reptilian aliens from the Sirius system. Their craft got into trouble and they were forced to land to make repairs behind enemy lines. However, luckily for the Zeta Reticulans, the soldiers at Rendlesham did not know they were at war and therefore let space reptile's sworn enemies slip away.



This is not the first incident to have been linked with US nuclear bombers.

UFOS OVER IRAQ

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WERE ONLY A COVER STORY TO HIDE THE REAL TRUTH



On 16 December 1998, tracer fire lit up the skies of Baghdad. The ongoing “tepid war” against Saddam Hussein, which had continued since the first Gulf War had

failed to remove him from power in 1991, had erupted into one of its periodic phases. The Allied air strike on Iraq’s capital city was part of Operation Desert Fox and, just like the first Gulf War, it was being shown live to millions of TV viewers around the world, thanks to CNN. However, that night CNN managed to capture more than the breaking news regarding Desert Fox, they also filmed a UFO hovering above Baghdad. Their footage even showed it moving away to avoid being hit by a stream of anti-aircraft fire.

At the time celebrated among the UFO community as a new piece of strong evidence to prove the existence of UFOs, the incident has taken on a much wider significance among certain conspiracy theorists. More and more have come to believe that there is a solid connection between UFOs seen over Iraq and America’s

decision to launch an invasion of Iraq in 2003. The constant patrolling and bombing of Iraqi installations by the UK and US airforces in the northern Iraq “No-Fly Zone” produced a wealth of UFO sightings by fighter pilots and a vast number of unexplained radar contacts, with craft moving much faster than any known terrestrial fight craft. It has even been reported that Allied Forces engaged in combat with a UFO in the first Gulf War thinking it was an Iraqi fighter jet. Reports also emerged that US aircraft had brought down a craft of unknown origin in Saudi Arabia in 1998. Residents in the area of the crash site – officially claimed to be that of a jet fighter – were ordered to leave the area while American military engineers recovered all the wreckage for further study. However, residents claim that before they were forced to leave, they were able to establish that the craft was round and that it did not have an engine or any visible wings. They also reported that even large bits of the wreckage were as light as a feather.

These intriguing tales took an unexpected twist when Russian intelligence sources suggested that a UFO had crashed in Iraq and that Saddam was now engaged in a programme to try and reverse engineer alien technology.

At first dismissed as entirely fanciful, a number of intriguing stories relating to this claim started to surface. Among them were reports that Saddam had given sanctuary to the craft’s occupants, housing them at his most secure palace – the citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi. After the revolution that brought Saddam to power, the old Royal Family stronghold of Qalaat-e-Julundi became a palace for the new dictator. A vast underground bunker network

was built under the existing building, already considered the most impenetrable place in Iraq as it stands on a hill surrounded by vertical precipices on three sides, plunging down to the Little Zab River. Soon after Saddam was alleged to have installed his guests there, people living in the Little Zab River Valley began to report seeing strange lights in the sky, “dancing ghosts” seen only at night and a number of unexplained deaths.

Some of those struggling to believe in any of the official reasons put forward for the second Gulf War believe that the weapons of mass destruction argument was purely a cover story created to give a pretext to an invasion of Iraq. They consider that the real reason for vast military campaign was to prevent Saddam reverse-engineering the crashed alien spacecraft and developing a technological advantage over the US military just as the Americans had done over the Soviets with the Roswell crash in 1947.

UFO PROTECTION

After US forces rolled into Baghdad, a GI with the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division – who was fighting in the Little Zab Valley – photographed an oblong-shaped UFO. Locals who saw the UFO close to the holy city of Najaf believed that it, “had come from Allah’s Gardens of Bliss to protect the Tomb of Ali”. The mosque at Najaf stands over the grave of Ali, son-in-law of the prophet Mohammed. During the



Zecharia Sitchin, one of the few people in the world who is able to translate ancient Sumerian cuneiform, believes that ancient texts tell how the civilisation of Sumeria (based in the area occupied by modern-day Iraq) was aided by an advanced race of beings. Called the Anunnaki (Sumerian for “those who came from Heaven to Earth”), their existence would mean that Saddam Hussein is not the first ruler in that area to have been helped by extraterrestrials.



It has been reported that some pilots from the USAF engaged in more battles with lights than Iraqi fighters.



It seems plausible that weapons of mass destruction were a cover for the US's true intent.

war it miraculously escaped damage from the 101st Airborne's howitzer barrage and heavy Allied bombing raids on the area around Little Zab River Valley focused on the citadel of Qalaat-e-Julundi.

MILITARY ACTION

Bush's claims that there was, "No doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised and that it threatens all mankind" were dubious, even before the post-war \$500 million search of Iraq failed to find them. Though almost all of the Bush administration claims about Iraq weapons were disproved by UN inspectors, America still went to war, which suggests there must have been an ulterior motive for the military action.

PICK YOUR REASON

Expanding the power of America to ensure it controls the 21st Century. The backfiring of Saddam's bluff that he had lethal weapons. A war fought on behalf of American oil companies. George Bush Jr trying to prove to his father that he could do the job better than he could. Whatever the real explanation for the second Gulf War, surely crashed UFOs has got to be the least likely?

The main suspects

MJ-12

The group thought to be behind the cover-up and subsequent reverse engineering of the UFO crash at Roswell are alleged to secretly control the Joint Chiefs of Staff. They may also have close links with the Bush family through George Bush Snr, going back to when he was director of the CIA. Having used the knowledge to ensure American supremacy since 1947, the prospect of being usurped by Saddam was unacceptable and they were forced to create a pretext for an invasion of Iraq so they could seize the crashed craft for themselves.



Reptilian aliens

Reptilian beings from the Draco system are often accused of having entered into a secret alliance with parts of the world's ruling elite. Rumoured to be at war with the oft-sighted Greys, the Draconians may have instructed their allies in America's military and government to recover the Grey aliens being given shelter by Saddam. This was done under cover of war, rather than having to reveal themselves by a dramatic show of Draconian power in Iraq.

Or could it have been...

The French Government

The French and Iraqi regimes enjoyed good relations and Saddam may have been negotiating with his friends in Paris to share UFO technology with them if they could prevent him from being removed from power by Bush. This would have allowed the French to lead a European challenge for global power. Right up until the moment of war the French provided solid support for Iraq and US Secretary of State Colin Powell answered "yes", when asked if France would be punished for its actions.



Stories of extra-terrestrial visitors to the area date back as far as the Ancient Sumerian inhabitants.

MEN IN BLACK (MIB)

HOW A CLEVER MEDIA COVER-UP IS HIDING A MUCH MORE SINISTER TRUTH



If you've seen a UFO and report it the police, you can expect many things: ridicule, questions concerning your alcohol consumption, odd looks from friends,

and perhaps a call from the local newspaper looking for a bit of light news for the next day's edition. But even worse than the preceding events, you may receive a visit from the dreaded Men In Black.

The Men In Black have long been associated with UFO sightings and phenomena. They are reported to appear at the homes of some UFO witnesses shortly after they've reported their sighting to the police or media, threatening them to keep quiet. Any materials found relating to a UFO sighting are promptly confiscated. In some cases, they have even knocked on the doors of witnesses before they've told anyone else of what they have seen, seemingly knowing everything that has happened



FACT OR FICTION?

The vintage automobiles of the MIBs are often illuminated from within by otherworldly greenish glows, and their clothing has a 'shiny' alien texture to it that doesn't correspond to any known fabric on Earth.



With the Men In Black covering up alien activity, we might never learn the truth...

before the witnesses had a chance to sort it all out in their heads themselves.

The Men In Black deliver their message in a variety of ways, from direct threats to roundabout hints, but their message always carries the same dark undertone: "Keep your mouth shut, or you'll regret it . . ."

The Men In Black are so called because of their sartorial colour of choice – black. Black suits, black hats and black sunglasses . . . this intimidating colour scheme extends to their cars – vintage models of Buicks, Cadillacs or Lincolns. They have been described as having complexions ranging from olive to grey to dark, with slightly slanted eyes, speaking in an almost computer-like monotone. Their age is difficult to determine, since all of them seem to be verging towards middle-aged. They move in a robot-like

manner, and are perhaps best summed up in one word: "odd".

Despite their numerous appearances and incredible powers of intimidation, finding conclusive proof of the existence of the Men In Black is as slippery a task as acquiring compelling evidence of the existence of the very UFOs they seek to protect.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

The Men In Black definitely seem to be not of this world. Examples of this can be found in reports of MIBs disintegrating coins in their hands and inexplicably trying to sing to birds in trees. In one incident, a MIB sat down on a chair, which caused his trouser leg to rise up. There, apparently grafted to his leg, was a large green wire. In other cases, MIBs are seen crossing muddy fields, yet arrive without a single spot of mud on them. In the most vicious cold weather, they will show up wearing nothing but a thin coat, oblivious to the deadly chill.



Hollywood's Men In Black. Part of an insidious propaganda programme?

IMMENSE POWER

The power of the Men In Black cannot be discounted. They have been responsible for the cancellation of Space Review, a magazine dedicated to studying flying saucers, and have even gone as far as gassing an eyewitness during a terrifying interrogation. It is possible that incontrovertible proof of alien existence does exist, whether it is photos, videos or actual aliens, but has been suppressed by the ruthless efficiency of the MIBs. Research has discovered that the lineage of the Men In Black may go back as far as the Elizabethan age.

A FLAWED THEORY?

If they were truly aliens, with the technology capable of enabling themselves to travel between the stars and capable of wiping out the memories of abductees, then why would they waste their time sending bizarre-looking goons in bad suits to knock on doors? Surely a good death ray would do the trick, plus it would save on all that petrol money...

The main suspects

Aliens

In an effort to keep their activities on Earth quiet, aliens would employ the Men In Black to suppress any media attention to their activities by intimidating eyewitnesses of UFOs into fearful silence. From their inhuman way of moving and mechanical way of speaking, the MIBs could be androids, programmed by the aliens involved in the sighting they are sent to suppress. Some people think that the Men In Black are aliens themselves, possibly Greys or another race, the Horlocks, (a reptilian race without souls). This would explain their remarkable strangeness around other human beings.



US Government

Working in conjunction with the aliens, the US government would utilise the MIBs and their attendant oddities to suppress reports of UFOs. The Men In Black would be actors instructed to be as odd and bizarre as possible, therefore adding to the already confused and emotional state of eyewitnesses. The MIB would be untraceable agents, not linked to any known governmental institution, therefore allowing the "Powers That Be" to keep their hands clean of any violation of human rights.

"THE MEN IN BLACK COULD BE ANDROIDS, PROGRAMMED BY THE ALIENS"

Or was it...

The Planet Sirius

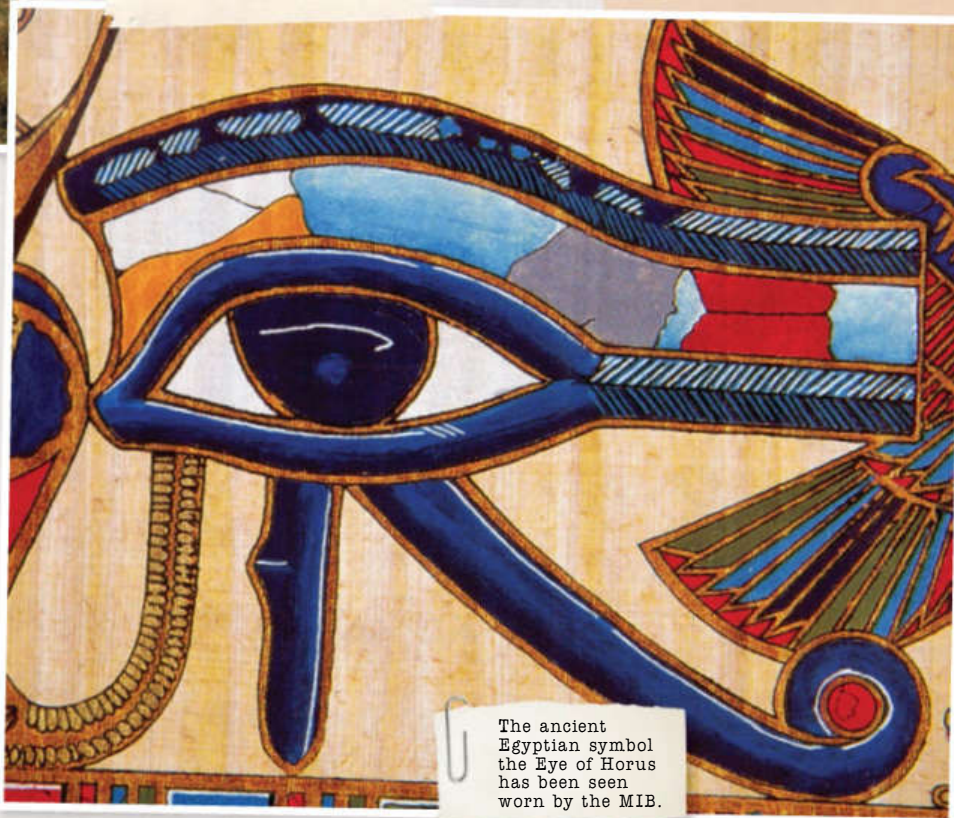
The symbol of the Eye of Horus has been linked with secret societies in allegiance with the planet Sirius. This same symbol has been seen on some MIBs, and some Men In Black have said they work for an organisation called "The Nation of The Third Eye". The role they play in the plans of the denizens of Sirius is unclear.



Hollywood

The perfect way to cover up the fact that Men In Black exist surely is to use Hollywood misdirection and make the world think of them as a fictional story. The films make light of the role of MIBs, but is this a case of fact being portrayed as fiction, possibly a plan thought up by the aliens who really run the movie industry?

The ancient Egyptian symbol the Eye of Horus has been seen worn by the MIB.



SECRET BASES ON THE MOON

IT'S COMMONLY THOUGHT MANKIND GOT TO THE MOON IN 1969 – BUT WHAT IF THE NAZIS GOT THEIR FIRST?



The Moon has always held a fascination for humanity – both as a source of romantic inspiration for poets and as an astronomical curiosity for

scientists. However, is it also a secret base for the Third Reich? Apparently so.

As early as 1942, the rumours go, the Nazis landed on the Moon with the aid of giant rocket saucers. These Nazi flying saucers are reported to have stood 45 metres high, contained 10 storeys of crew compartments, and had a diameter of 60 metres. Upon landing on the Moon, the Nazis quickly began building underground bases, solidifying their hold on the lunar surface while losing their grip on power in Europe below.

This colonisation continued through the Forties, with the Nazis ferrying up more people, raw materials, and robots in their giant interplanetary Nazi saucers. After the end of the Second World War in 1945, the Germans continued their space efforts from their Neu Schwabenland base in Earth's south polar region. This colonization continues to this day, with the full knowledge and assistance of other world powers.

There are certainly convincing photographs, taken during the Second World War, showing Nazi-produced flying craft that look remarkably similar to the classic concept of a flying saucer. These crafts – going under such fabulous names as the Vril Odin 7 and Haunebu II – were developed at secret bases similar to the famous rocket base Peenemunde. It is well known that German scientists, many of whom ended up as founder members of NASA after the War,

had planned to turn Peenemunde into a space port and springboard for Moon colonisation after what they thought would be inevitable Nazi victory against the Allies.

A COLONISED MOON

Where to begin? Two things give this rumour a degree of credence. The first is growing weight of scientific evidence that the Moon is not totally arid and that the frozen ice on it could be utilised by any colony. Second, video footage taken from a NASA space shuttle clearly shows an unidentified object leaving

the surface of the Moon. While there may be a logical, non-conspiratorial explanation, strange lights, inexplicable markings on the surface and even potential structures observed by astronomers on the lunar surface push the number of odd questions desperately needing answers to a disconcerting level.

PHOTOS

The only proof of the American landing on the Moon comes from photographs published by NASA. However, over recent years these photos have been classed as fake because they are full of

FACT OR FICTION?

There have not been any lunar landings – at least in the public's eyes – in over 40 years. Is this to distract the world's attentions from the colonies – Nazi, Russian and American, with populations estimated at over 40,000 – at work there?

Was Neil Armstrong really the first man on the moon? We may never know for sure.





A V2 rocket at the Peenemünde. Did the Nazis develop craft advanced enough to travel to the Moon?

inconsistencies. Shadow lengths are at odds with the Sun, the directions of shadows vary within pictures and there is plenty of evidence of the photos having been taken with the use of large sources of artificial light. If the photographs from NASA are not to be trusted, what else should we doubt?

**UNLIKELY - BUT
PLAUSIBLE?**

The drives needed to power such huge saucers - listed by conspiracy theorists as "free energy tachyon drives" - cannot help but raise eyebrows. But with the reverse engineering associated with the salvaged technology from the Roswell crash and the lack of photos of the Moon's dark side, one can't help but wonder.

The main suspects

The Nazi Party of Germany

Perhaps sensing the inevitability of defeat by the Allies as early as 1940, the Nazis decided to move their base of operations to a lunar plane, therefore ensuring the long-term success of the Third Reich. Knowing Hitler's love of the supernatural and the fantastic, this does not seem entirely implausible - just typically far-fetched.



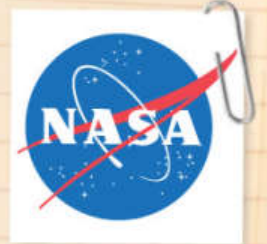
The Axis Powers of Japan and Italy

Germany kept close ties with its allies during the Second World War, sharing its advances in weaponry with Italy and Japan. Rocket designs of German origin were routinely tested in Italy's research facilities, and in July of 1945, at the end of the War, a German U-Boat reportedly delivered a new invention to Japanese research and development units: a spherical, wingless, flying machine. Working under German instructions, the Japanese constructed the device, without knowing how it worked. Once activated, it roared off into the sky in a burst of flame, never to be seen again. Shaken, the Japanese scientists decided to forget about the whole thing. However, in January, 1946, a Japanese-German team, numbering in the hundreds, flew to the Moon in another saucer, surviving a near crash landing.

Or was it...

NASA

NASA may be lying about the truth of the Moon's atmosphere, in order to keep other countries from wanting to explore it too, ensuring a monopoly on the Moon. It's said when the United States and Russia constructed their own moonbases in the Fifties, they were the Nazis' guests.



Vril society

A major mystical, secret order that was the source of much of the perverse ideology behind the early philosophies of the Nazi Party, the Vril Society claimed high-ranking members of Hitler's regime, major industrialists and powerful occultists among its ranks. It lent its name and money to the development of the mysterious Vril flying craft. It is known that some members believed the Aryan race developed from aliens who that landed in Sumeria around 4,500BC and were viewed as gods. Could Vril have been the power behind the establishment of Nazi moonbases?

Aliens

Some believe the Nazis were in league with aliens, explaining the advances they made in genetics and rocket science. Debate rages over which type of alien, but the favourites are the Aryan-looking Nordics rather than the Greys. However, given the type of experimentation on humans the Greys love, and the depraved medical research by the Nazi regime, no one rules out that branch of villainous space scum.

"VIDEO FOOTAGE TAKEN FROM A NASA SPACE SHUTTLE CLEARLY SHOWS AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT LEAVING THE SURFACE OF THE MOON"

CATTLE MUTILATIONS

HUMANS AREN'T THE ONLY CREATURES SUBJECTED TO ABDUCTION AND ALIEN INTERFERENCE



For decades, cattle farmers around the world have been plagued by a problem, a problem that is as inexplicable as it is horrifying: the grisly puzzle of cattle

mutilations. Representing more than just a simple financial loss associated with missing livestock, this exercise in abject cruelty may have a purpose, but like its perpetrators, that purpose remains cloaked in shadows.

While the majority of cattle mutilation cases occur in the United States, (particularly in New Mexico), the phenomenon has been reported in Puerto Rico, South America and Canada. Details of the mutilations may vary from case to case, but there are enough commonalities to suggest an orchestrated programme of sorts is underway. More often than not, the bodies of mutilated

animals are found drained of blood. Missing organs have been removed with surgical precision, with the carcass often appearing to have been cauterised. The perpetrators show a particular interest in sensory organs such as the eyes, the reproductive and defecatory systems, and the anterior digestive tract.

As many as 10,000 cattle may have died in this manner, and as a result several theories have sprung up surrounding this disturbing trend. If dealing with predators, disease and rowdy young men in search of cow-tipping weren't enough, cattle ranchers now have to contend with an unknown sadistic force that comes and goes like an eviscerating thief in the night.

STRANGE MARKS

Usually, no marks around the bodies of the mutilated cattle are found, with the exception of a few tripod marks surrounding the bodies. Clamp marks have been found on some cattle, suggesting that the mutilation takes place somewhere other than the field in which they are found.



It's behind you... have aliens been abducting cattle?

EXSANGUINATION

The neatness of the organ removal, coupled with the complete exsanguination of the bodies, points towards a high degree of technological sophistication, rather than to tooth and claw. Wounds are found to be cauterised, which could be the work of laser cutters. What is interesting is that such technology was not in use when the first cattle mutilations were reported, back in the early Seventies. The blood is also removed with such attention to detail that not one drop can be found around the bodies. This would seem to indicate either military or extraterrestrial involvement, with the parties involved slipping up only occasionally by leaving clamp marks on the animals' legs.



Human abductees have reported seeing cattle being led into alien craft, also undergoing alien abduction.



FACT OR FICTION?

After the bodies are returned to their fields, they are totally shunned by other animals. There is something so fundamentally wrong with the bodies that even carrion specialists, such as crows, vultures and the like, will not touch them.

PRANKSTERS

Why would aliens need cow blood in their efforts to interbreed with humanity? Wouldn't it make more sense to kidnap gorillas or other members of the ape family? Surely the suspected government collaborators in the Trilateral Commission could get them a few rhesus monkeys from research facilities, no questions asked? Cattle mutilations could be nothing more than a twisted version of the crop circle phenomenon, with well-organised pranksters equipped with medical equipment and vacuum cleaners, killing cattle in the dead of night instead of tramping down wheat in circular designs in some poor unsuspecting farmer's field.

The main suspects

Satanists

First thought to be responsible for the mutilations, Satanists were alleged to be using the cows as part of their profane ceremonies, so much so that they were investigated by law enforcement agencies. Nothing conclusive was ever found.



UFOs

The theory that aliens (such as the Greys) are seeking to find a way to save their race through bonding with our own gene pool, strays into the arena of cattle mutilation. The aliens could somehow be using cow blood and organs in their experiments, possibly because bovine parts are similar in chemistry to their own. More optimistic theories suggest the aliens are using cows to run random radiation tests in their efforts to save us all from nuclear annihilation. This is backed up by the reports of some human abductees, who claim to have seen cows being led onboard UFOs while they themselves were suffering experimentation. UFOs are often seen in the sky in the nights preceding cattle mutilations, and cattle have been known to become restless and stampede when a UFO is visible. This would seem to indicate that cows in general have had more experience with UFOs than they are letting on.

Black helicopters

These mysterious craft have also been seen around cattle fields preceding mutilations, startling cattle with white hot searchlights. The presence of such craft would lend credence to the theory that the animals are airlifted away to be mutilated, with their dead bodies simply being dropped back into the field after the process is completed. The black helicopters are often associated with secret government programmes and the rise of the New World Order, and could possibly be using cattle to test powerful chemical weapons without hindrance of government guidelines.

Or could it have been...

Natural predators

Despite the precision of the mutilations, despite the lack of any footprints leading up to the bodies, wolves, coyotes or a so-far-undiscovered predator is thought to be responsible for a number of attacks.



El Chupacabra

This mythical monster from Central America, referred to as "The Goat Eater", may be responsible for cattle attacks, perhaps in an effort to expand its palate. Although there haven't been a huge number of sightings of this beast, it could be very good at covering its tracks, and just leaving more questions in its wake...

Unknown cattle disease

An especially virulent, and as yet undiscovered, cattle ailment has also been blamed: a virus so powerful and quick that it can remove the organs and the blood in the space of a single night, and then completely vanish from any forensic detection. This might seem like a long shot, but who knows how quickly new diseases can claim widespread victims.

SPACE SABOTAGE

COULD IT BE THAT MAN'S MISSIONS TO SPACE ARE DOOMED BEFORE THEY EVEN LAUNCH?



Travelling to the stars has always been a daunting task, but is it being made more difficult than it need be? Is someone – or something – doing its best to keep

mankind on Earth, by sabotaging space flight after space flight? The problem has become so widespread that NASA has jokingly referred to this enigmatic and often deadly force as the “Great Galactic Ghoul”. But is it the subject for levity, or something far more terrifying?

The high incidence rate of spaceflight accidents, disappearances and technological foul-ups would have crippled any other endeavour that didn't have the benefit of government funding. From simple faults such as wires burning out in satellite systems to the tragedy of the Challenger explosion, the Great Galactic Ghoul shows no national preference – both Russian and American space programmes have been plagued by its disruptive hand.

Some examples include the fiasco surrounding the Hubble telescope. Once in space, the much-vaunted telescope was found to be far from perfect, therefore making its pictures far more blurred than expected. An expensive repair mission was needed, but the Hubble pictures are still being discounted as more a triumph of selective filters, designed to hide the telescope's imperfections, than the groundbreaking shots the project's supporters claim them to be.

Another example was the Mars Explorer mission of 1993, which was launched to take closer pictures of the mysterious Cydonia Region of Mars. Just as the craft was entering Martian orbit, it suddenly stopped functioning. Other failures include: the Soviet Korabl 11 (blew up), Sputnik 24 (blew up), NASA's Mariner 3 (missed Mars), Mariner 8 (fell into Atlantic), the Apollo 13 mission, and the fiery deaths of the astronauts in the Space



FACT OR FICTION?

In July 1998, the Galileo spacecraft was passing Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, when it suddenly stopped transmitting information. It has long been speculated that Europa, along with Mars, may be able to sustain life.

Shuttle. The list goes on and on, and is either a testament to staggering incompetence or evidence of an ongoing act of sabotage, perhaps even on a galactic scale.

THE RUSSIAN NIGHTMARE

Missions to Mars fare the worst when it comes to sabotage. One of the most disturbing was the fate of the Russian Phobos probes. Launched in 1988, the Russians sent the two

probes to investigate Phobos, the smaller of Mars' two moons. The Russians were interested in the irregular orbital patterns, which led many to believe Phobos was either an artificial construction or perhaps hollow. The first probe was somehow lost on the journey from Earth. Phobos 2 made it to Mars and on its way to the small moon took photographs of a cylindrical-shaped shadow on the surface of Phobos.

Shortly after that, the probe was destroyed. Its final picture, beamed back to Russia, has been declared too sensitive to be released to the public. On the night that final picture was sent, orthodox Russian priests were asked to go to the Phobos 2 Control Centre in Moscow to discuss the pictures.

MYSTERY DEBRIS

Before the launch of the Mars Observer on 25 September 1992, NASA technicians examined its outer housing for a routine check. Inside, they were shocked to find the probe filled with garbage. This garbage included metal filings, dirt, paper, fibres and plaster of Paris. Even though Hurricane Andrew had blown through the area, it was impossible for debris of this kind to have entered the probe driven by the force of the storm alone...

Maybe it is not so surprising that of the 35 attempts to reach the planet, only 12 have succeeded. Of these, nine were attempts to land on the surface, but only three survived. The rest crashed or exploded in orbit. Even the successful ones had problems. Sojourner, which was launched in 1997, could only manage to move a few dozen metres from its landing zone.

How was the doomed Mars Observer suddenly filled with trash, dirt and debris?

The main suspects

NASA

As horrible as it sounds, especially with human lives being lost in some accidents, it is possible that a secret contingent within NASA could be sabotaging missions in order to satisfy elements in the US government that do not want the space programme to discover the alien presence surrounding Earth. Corresponding dissidents would, of course, exist in the Russian space programme.

Competing contractors

The financial windfall associated with landing a lucrative government contract would prove irresistible to many businessmen. The best way to succeed in the cut-throat tendering process would be to discredit fellow competitors, using whatever means available, including sabotage. The power of the dollar, especially one from a government source, would easily overcome the sanctity of human lives in the eyes of many.



Or was it...

The Greys

For reasons of their own, it would be in the best interests of the Greys to keep Earth isolated from the rest of the Universe. If the Greys are rebellious slaves escaping from their masters and using human genetic material to reproduce and save themselves from the degradation of their cloned bodies, it simply would not do to have mankind drawing the attention of other alien races, particularly those masters. And on top of that, if we somehow managed to gather evidence of extraterrestrial life while exploring space, their secret abductions and agreements with Earth's political powers could be in jeopardy...



Martians

The surprising number of incidents involving Mars missions goes beyond pure coincidence. The Monuments on Mars indicate that there was – or may still be – life on Mars, life that may wish to be left alone or that will make its presence known in its own good time. The breakdowns, disappearances and erratic behaviour of craft around the Red Planet has lead some NASA employees to joke about a Great Galactic Ghoul living in between the asteroid belt and Mars. Perhaps this Ghoul is nothing more than a disgruntled Martian.

“BREAKDOWNS, DISAPPEARANCES AND ERRATIC BEHAVIOUR AROUND THE RED PLANET HAS LEAD NASA EMPLOYEES TO JOKE ABOUT A GREAT GALACTIC GHOUL”



REVERSE ENGINEERING

SALVAGED TECHNOLOGY FROM A DOWNED UFO COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TECHNOLOGICAL LEAPS



Have you ever felt that the world was moving just a little too fast? Have you ever wondered at the amazing technological leaps mankind seems to have made in such a relatively short amount of time? Have you ever felt a pang of uneasiness when you consider that humanity went from barely being able to fly a crude aeroplane to walking on the Moon in under 70 years?

The unprecedented way humanity's level of technology has increased in the 20th Century is simply baffling and may be a sign of one of the

most pervasive conspiracies of all time. While the scientific community pats itself on the back and ascribes such progress to the diligence and ingenuity of its members, a look at the "innovations" of the last few decades seem to owe more to "intervention" than ingenuity.

In fact, many conspiracy theorists feel that the true guiding force behind the current technological juggernaut is not elbow grease and endless nights burning the midnight oil, but alien assistance. For reasons that are unknown to the general public, governments worldwide are reverse-engineering alien technology – that is, taking apart alien artefacts to discover what makes them work, then applying that knowledge to their own ends. This knowledge is putting us light years ahead of where we should be technologically and, perhaps, even culturally. Like children playing with fire, we are not mature enough to handle it, and are in serious danger of getting burnt.

A SALVAGED UFO

Most of the major leaps in technology occur after 1947 – from more powerful computers to the Apollo lunar missions. It was in 1947, coincidentally enough, that the US government allegedly salvaged a crashed UFO from Roswell, New Mexico.

ALIEN SCIENCE

Perhaps the most incriminating bit of technology, that ushered in the current wave of progress, was the transistor. This has been rumoured to be a direct result of reverse-engineering work on the crashed alien craft at Roswell and technology has progressed in leaps and bounds ever since. Other more sinister applications of this alien science could be the US military's weaponry, including the B-2 stealth bomber.

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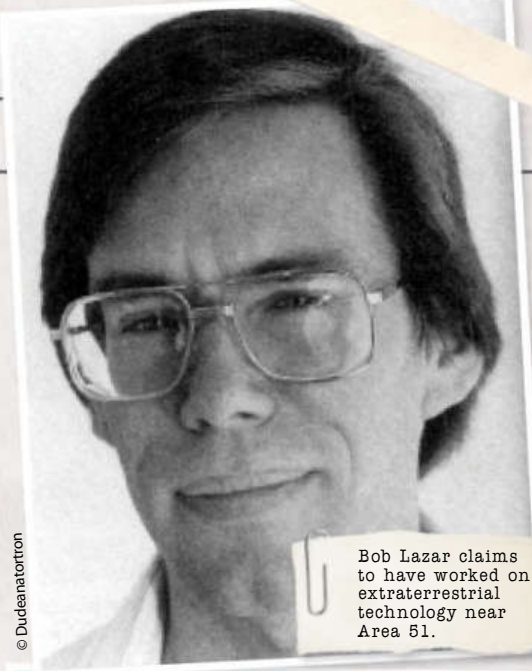


FACT OR FICTION?

Curious citizens who have reported seeing strange lights that resemble UFOs around Area 51 have had to contend with armed forces harassing them and confiscating cameras and video equipment. Some have even been chased by black helicopters.



Did the Roswell incident of 1947 leave us with alien technology to reverse engineer?



Bob Lazar claims to have worked on extraterrestrial technology near Area 51.



Is the US government using alien technology to develop weapons of war?

ASSUMED GENIUS

One problem with the reverse-engineering theory is that it assumes humans are brilliant. If we went back in time and handed a caveman a Pentium laptop, a remote-control garage-opener, and a Thigh Master, the reverse-engineering theory would have us believe that he'd be founding his own tech company in ten years. Sadly, he'd probably grunt at the items and then drop them on to someone's head. Well, maybe he'd keep the Thigh Master.

The main suspects

The US government

It has long been theorised that a UFO (or UFOs) crashed near Roswell and Corona in New Mexico in 1947, and that the US government quickly made off with the remains. Caught in the Cold War with the USSR, the US was desperate for any military advantage, and so began the slow process of reverse-engineering the alien technology found aboard the crashed flying saucers. Much of this reverse engineering is thought to occur at the infamous Area 51, a secret military testing site in New Mexico.



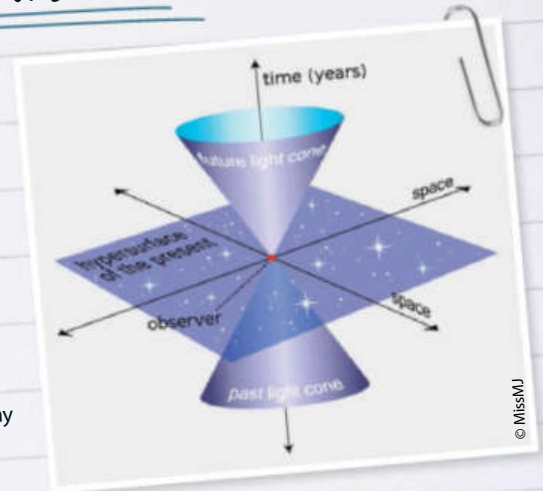
The Greys

In exchange for being allowed to kidnap and experiment on humans with impunity, one theory has the US government – and possibly other governments – agreeing to look the other way in exchange for alien technology. This would explain why incidents of abduction and UFO sightings are treated with ridicule by government authorities as they try to divert attention from what is truly going on – the sale of humanity for capital gain.

Or could it have been...

Time travellers

Time travellers could be bringing technology in the hope that leaving their futuristic gadgetry with us could change circumstances in their time, altering it to their advantage. Other theories state that the US government has experimented with short-range time travel, and is bringing back technology from our own future. Similar theories lay the blame on dimensional travel, with advanced tech coming from more advanced versions of our own present day.



Benevolent aliens

In preparation for an invasion force coming to Earth, benevolent aliens have provided world powers with the technology to defend themselves, as evidenced in the Star Wars satellites. The advances seen by the everyday populace – cell phones, microwaves, home computers – are merely lucrative spin-offs generated by reverse engineering of this technology and are a bonus for the government contractors that undertake secret defence work.

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THE ASSASSINATION OF JFK

THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT RAISED QUESTIONS THAT WE MIGHT NEVER GET ANSWERS TO...



November 22, 1963, is a day not easily forgotten. Even now, countless millions of people can recall what they were doing on the day President

John F. Kennedy was shot.

It was a bright, clear and almost summer-like day in Dallas. The sky above the Texas School Book Depository was free from clouds. There could be no better day for a parade to welcome the President and yet, within seconds, several bullets had struck the presidential limousine at Dealey Plaza, and history was changed forever. Despite the suppression of vast amounts of evidence and the best attempts of the Warren Commission – in the aftermath of the assassination – to promote the idea that JFK was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone, 73 per cent of Americans believe that their President was the victim of a conspiracy.

It's a view that is backed up by the report of the Select Committee on Assassinations of the House of Representatives, which stated: "The Committee believes, on the basis of the evidence available to it, that President John F. Kennedy was assassinated as the result of a conspiracy."

A close look at the assassination of JFK produces convincing evidence that Oswald was not acting alone and that a cover-up at the highest levels is still in operation. It becomes more a question of who was behind the conspiracy than whether it was actually a conspiracy at all.

LONE GUNMAN?

Despite the official government opinion that the President was killed by a single shot, there were seven wounds found on JFK and on Governor



A hugely popular President, the landscape of America could have been very different if Kennedy had served for longer.



FACT OR FICTION?

President Kennedy's brain went missing under mysterious circumstances a number of years ago. This is highly suspicious and also very convenient, as modern scientific tests cannot now be carried out to establish the trajectory of the fatal bullets.

Connally, one of the other passengers in the car. The angles and trajectories of the wounds make a single gunman fairly unfeasible. Lee Harvey Oswald, who was arrested for the murder, was himself assassinated before he could be brought to trial.

SINGLE BULLET

One thing that swings it in the favour of the conspiracy theories is the impossibility of the "single bullet theory" accepted by the Warren Commission. It claimed that the one shot Oswald took from a sixth-floor window entered

Kennedy's back, yet rose and flew out of his neck, altering its trajectory to cause the seven wounds found in Kennedy and Governor Connally, in the seat ahead of the President's.

ROOM FOR ALL

The legendary grassy knoll from where the second gunman was supposed to have shot Kennedy would have been so busy that surely someone would have spotted the 30 or so gunmen that would have to have been there to account for all the proposed conspiracy theories. However, this could be a case of no smoke without fire...



The Kennedy assassination could be the biggest cover-up in history.



President Kennedy on that fateful day in Dallas – just moments before his death.

“IT BECOMES MORE A QUESTION OF WHO WAS BEHIND THE CONSPIRACY THAN WHETHER IT WAS ACTUALLY A CONSPIRACY AT ALL”

The main suspects

The CIA

Kennedy was about to disband the CIA due to its corruption, its inability to oust Castro from Cuba, and its general hostility to him since the Bay of Pigs debacle. It is alleged that, in self-defence, the CIA plotted with the Mafia and FBI to kill Kennedy and frame a former double-agent, Oswald, as the killer.



Cuban Communists/KGB

Fidel Castro and his KGB allies were still smarting from Kennedy's victory in the Cuban Missile Crisis. As revenge they plotted his murder. Their involvement in his death was discovered by the CIA and FBI who had to cover it up to prevent a public outrage that could have led to a World War III.

Mafia

JFK and his Attorney-General brother, Robert Kennedy, were close to winning their crusade against organised crime. Attempts to blackmail Kennedy over his adultery had failed, so the Mafia decided to have him rubbed out. It is known that Oswald had connections to Mafia members; just why did small-time Dallas mobster Jack Ruby so conveniently shoot Oswald?

Military Industrial Complex

Kennedy had plans to pull out of Vietnam. This obviously angered the Military Industrial Complex, which thrives on war. Were connections in the shadowy worlds of the Secret Service and Mafia used to conduct a coup and place Vice President Johnson in the White House? Interestingly, just four days after JFK's assassination, Johnson sent more troops to Vietnam, completely ignoring JFK's recommendations.

Or could it have been...

The Canadian Liberal Party

Over recent years, evidence has emerged linking prominent Mafia captain Lucien Rivard to both Jack Ruby and the Liberal Party of Canada. Rivard is also linked to Oswald's recorded time in Montreal. When the Mafia man was jailed in 1964 to await extradition to the US, officers of the Canadian Justice Department, and members of the ruling Liberal Party, offered bribes to the American lawyers to try and secure his release. Despite the lack of motive, this has been enough for some people to suggest that the true answer to the conspiracy to assassinate JFK will be found in Canada.

Jackie Kennedy

The wildest and most discredited conspiracy theory surrounding the assassination is that Jackie Kennedy, sickened by her husband's continuous adultery, arranged for the Mafia to wipe him out and spare her the public humiliation of a divorce.



LEE HARVEY OSWALD

DID THE TRUTH BEHIND JOHN F KENNEDY'S MURDER DIE ALONG WITH HIS ASSASSIN?



The history books tell us that on 22 November 1963, in Dallas, Texas, Lee Harvey Oswald shot and killed John F Kennedy from a window in the Texas School Book

Depository. The history books go on to recount that roughly 45 minutes later, Oswald then shot and killed Officer JD Tippit of the Dallas Police Force, and was later apprehended in a movie theatre. Two days later, Oswald was himself shot by Jack Ruby, apparently outraged at the murder of the President. According to the Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination, there the story ends – the late Oswald was the lone gunman, there was no conspiracy, case closed.

However, conspiracy theories continue to swirl around the incidents of that fateful day in Dallas, suggesting that the least probable theory is that Oswald acted alone. There also remains the mystery of Oswald himself. Even the most cursory of glances at him and his alleged activities around Dallas in the days preceding the assassination, is rife with inconsistencies and bizarre elements worthy of a conspiracy all on their own.

On 26 October 1957, Oswald joined the Marines in San Diego, California. While he was in the Marines he became enamoured of Russia and its politics. After a dishonourable discharge on 13 September 1960, he announced he was going to renounce his American

citizenship and move to the USSR. He arrived in Moscow a little more than a month later. Travelling to Minsk, he married Marina, the daughter of a KGB colonel. The glorious life in Russia apparently soured and Oswald returned to the US with his wife in 1962. Back in the US, Oswald drifted from one job to another and was suspected of an assassination attempt on Major General Edwin Walker on 10 April 1963, in Dallas.

His political views got him arrested in New Orleans on 9 August that same year when he was involved in a fight with angry Cubans while passing out “Fair Play for Cubans” pamphlets. A friend of his wife – a Russian exile with CIA connections – arranged for him to get an interview back in Dallas at the Texas School Book Depository. Lying about his past, Oswald was hired on 15 October 1963. The rest, as the books tell us, is history. Or is it?

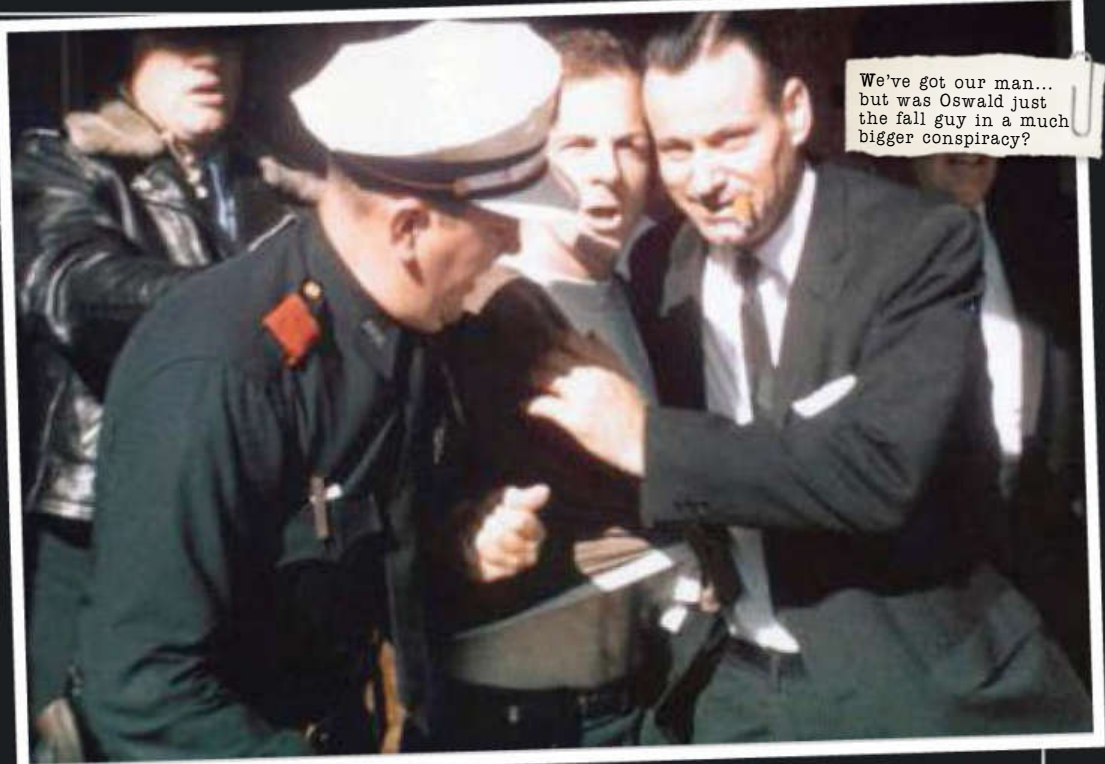


The moment Jack Ruby takes the law into his own hands, as shots and kills Lee Harvey Oswald.

“OSWALD WAS SHOT BY JACK RUBY, OUTRAGED AT THE MURDER OF THE PRESIDENT. ACCORDING TO THE WARREN COMMISSION, THE STORY ENDS THERE...”



Jack Ruby's actions could have prevented anyone really discovering the truth.



We've got our man... but was Oswald just the fall guy in a much bigger conspiracy?

THE REAL OSWALD

There are conflicting reports, of Oswald's activities before the Kennedy assassination. A Texas car salesman, Albert Guy Bogard, reported that Oswald took a car for a test-drive before the shooting, remarking about a large amount of money he would be getting soon – yet Oswald never had a driver's licence. Another sighting has Oswald showing off at a Dallas area rifle range, expertly shooting the bull's-eyes in other patrons' targets – this, despite Oswald's inferior record as a marksman while in the Marines. Maybe these “Oswalds” were actors hired by the true parties behind the assassination to ensure the real Oswald would pay for the crime.



FACT OR FICTION?

The CIA reportedly experimented with LSD on troops in Atsugi, Japan, as part of their mind-control tests in 1957. Oswald was serving with the Marines there at the time. Could it have been that Oswald was under the control of someone when he shot JFK?

TAKING CREDIT

If Oswald had killed Kennedy for political reasons, then why did he never proudly take credit? Instead, he insisted until his death that he had been set up – hardly the actions of a fanatic. His murder by Jack Ruby – preventing the truth from ever coming to light – was far too convenient.

A MAN WITH A MOTIVE

Of course it is possible that Oswald shot Kennedy and therefore it is not impossible that an outraged American might want to take revenge. If you listen to all of the conspiracy theories surrounding about him, Oswald could be responsible for all life's mysteries.

The main suspects

The Mafia

Jack Ruby originally claimed he shot Oswald to spare Jackie Kennedy the pain of a public trial. However, plenty of evidence abounds that Ruby was a member of the Mob. With several of the most believable conspiracy theories surrounding the assassination of JFK involving the Mafia, it probably is not coincidence that Ruby took out Oswald. Ruby killed Oswald to prevent the Mafia's role in the President's death being exposed.

The FBI and the CIA

Even before Lee Harvey Oswald left for the USSR, he was under FBI scrutiny. The reason for his

dishonourable discharge from the Marines – for wanting to be a Russian – was public knowledge, so the CIA would have the perfect fall guy: a lone assassin working for the dreaded Russians, which would play extremely well with the media.



Or could it have been?

KGB

The KGB knew that if Oswald was ever brought before a court, his communist background and links to the KGB would emerge. If this happened, the Soviets would be suspected of organising the Kennedy shooting, so they employed Ruby to ensure Oswald never went on trial.

ASSASSINATION OF RFK

LIKE HIS BROTHER'S DEATH, ROBERT F KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IS SURROUNDED BY MYSTERY AND SPECULATION



Around midnight on 5 June 1968 there was magic in the air at the plush Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles. Glamorous, charismatic and idealistic, Senator Robert

F Kennedy had just won the California primary for the Democratic nomination for President. It looked like he was going to fulfil the dreams of many Americans and go all the way to the White House – just like his brother, John F Kennedy, had done before him.

Riding on the applause and congratulations of starstruck hotel workers, supporters and watching members of the public, RFK was being escorted by his security team through the hotel's pantry when his charge toward the presidency came to a tragic halt in a hail of gunfire. The hopes of many Americans lay dead on the tiled floor of the pantry.

After a fierce struggle that saw a small man, seemingly possessed of super-human strength, hold his own against several security guards, the apparent gunman – Sirhan Bishara Sirhan – was wrestled to the floor. His eyes were said to be enormously peaceful and the suddenly tranquil assailant was arrested. At the police station Sirhan claimed to have no memory of what had happened and showed all the symptoms of having been hypnotised.

The Los Angeles Police Department investigation into the murder quickly concluded that Sirhan was just another nut – a lone assassin in the mould of Lee Harvey Oswald. The courts agreed, Sirhan was convicted and thrown in jail. As far as officialdom was concerned, the tragic matter was over. As for the conspiracy theorists, the shooting of RFK is a case that definitely deserves to be looked at again.

THE WRONG PLACE

At first glance the RFK case seems open and shut: there is no denying it, Sirhan was arrested with a gun in his hand at the scene. However, that is where all simplicity in this case ends. Sirhan was in the wrong position and out of range, and could not have shot Robert Kennedy.

The Senator was shot from behind, but all witnesses place Sirhan in front of him in a face-to-face position. All witnesses placed Sirhan's gun as being between one and five feet from Senator Kennedy, but the autopsy findings clearly establish that the Senator was shot from an even closer range, with a weapon being held between less than one inch and no more than three inches away from his body.



FACT OR FICTION?

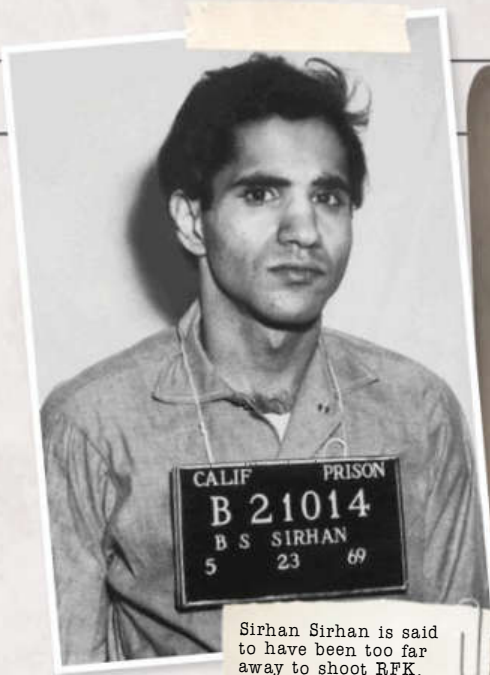
According to the psychological evaluation presented in court, Sirhan was under a form of hypnosis at the time of the killing. Officially, this state was described in court as self-hypnosis. Claims have been made that the late hypnosis expert, William Bryan, boasted that he had hypnotised Sirhan. In Sirhan's diaries, one name is scratched into the paper over and over – DeSalvo. It might not be a coincidence that Bryan's most famous hypnotic subject was the alleged "Boston Strangler" – Albert DeSalvo.

BULLETS

Bullet holes in a door frame at the crime scene, which are documented in FBI photographs, clearly show that more bullets were fired than could have come from the gun Sirhan is meant to have used to kill Kennedy. The police never disclosed that these bullets existed, even though the removal of the spent bullets by LAPD investigators was



Was Sirhan really in the right place to shoot Kennedy?



Sirhan Sirhan is said to have been too far away to shoot RFK.



The deaths of John and Robert Kennedy would raise serious questions, many of which remain unanswered.

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witnessed by other police personnel. The door frame in question was then destroyed by order of the court directly after Sirhan's trial concluded.

POOR SECURITY

The RFK conspiracy is probably one of the hardest to be sceptical over, but it would be dangerous to underestimate what a determined lunatic can achieve when he has easy access to a powerful handgun. Especially when bad security allows that same armed lunatic to be given a perfect opportunity to shoot someone famous.

The main suspects

The CIA

If the CIA had a hand in the assassination of Robert Kennedy's brother, then they would certainly have a significant reason to fear Robert becoming President. If RFK reached the White House, he would probably launch an investigation into his brother's death – an investigation that could have proved the Warren Commission was nothing more than a cleverly constructed cover-up and that President John F Kennedy had been removed in what amounted to a military coup.



Mafia

When his brother was President, Robert Kennedy had been Attorney General and led a successful war against the Mafia. Their attempts to blackmail him over his affair with Marilyn Monroe may have failed and they could have decided that if RFK gained power there would be no way to prevent him from continuing his war against them even more effectively. In this situation, the traditional Mafia solution involves bullets and hitmen.

Military Industrial Complex

Kennedy had pledged to end the war in Vietnam if he became President. Given the vast amounts of money that the American misadventure in South East Asia was generating for the Military Industrial Complex, it is certain that its members would have done anything in their power to stop his election to the White House.

Or could it have been...

MJ-12

Also known as Majestic 12, this ultra-secret cabal of scientists, senior members of the intelligence community, and of the military is understood by some to be the force behind the conspiracy to suppress the truth about UFOs and aliens. Already suspected of putting an end to JFK, MJ-12 might have killed RFK to prevent him from exposing their dealings with the alien Greys when he became President.

Neo-Nazis

Some conspiracy theorists feel that Robert Kennedy's ability to appeal both to black and to white voters would have allowed him to heal the racial divide in America and forge a nation free of discrimination and hatred. Obviously, this is not the type of place those who cherish the Nazi philosophy want to live in, so it's speculated that a cabal of neo-Nazis used their connections inside the US intelligence community to carry out the execution of the enemy they feared most.



“THE SENATOR WAS SHOT FROM BEHIND, BUT ALL WITNESSES PLACE SIRHAN IN FRONT OF HIM IN A FACE-TO-FACE POSITION”

DOROTHY KILGALLEN

CAN GETTING TOO CLOSE TO THE TRUTH END UP HAVING TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES?



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Of all the mysterious deaths that swirled around the assassination of John F Kennedy in 1963, few are as curious as that of Dorothy Kilgallen. What separates the tragic loss of

Kilgallen from the scores of officially unrelated deaths connected to that fateful day in Dallas, is that Kilgallen was a popular member of the media, very much in the public eye long before her involvement in the investigation surrounding the assassination. But as her death may prove, even celebrity may not be enough to protect you if you cross the wrong people.

Kilgallen's media career began in 1931 when she signed on to work for the Hearst newspaper syndicate as a fledgling writer. At first, she was relegated to writing about "woman things", but her ambition and skill soon overrode the chauvinistic limits placed upon her, and she moved on to far meatier stories, including covering the legendary Sam Sheppard trial (Sheppard's story was the basis for the popular Sixties television series *The Fugitive*, and the subsequent Harrison Ford movie of the same name). Not content with simply being a top-notch writer, Kilgallen moved into other media, working as a panellist on the popular television show, *What's My Line?*, as well as hosting her own radio show in New York – a programme so successful that it ran for some 20 years after first hitting the airwaves in 1945. Her popularity, buoyed by her sharp wit and intelligence, endeared her to many fans.

But it was during the trial of Jack Ruby for the murder of alleged Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald that Kilgallen may have taken the first steps that would lead to her death. After attending Ruby's murder trial in Dallas in 1964, Kilgallen became convinced that there was more to the story than was being reported in the press. After voicing her doubts in her daily newspaper column, *The Voice Of Broadway*, Kilgallen returned to Dallas to interview Ruby. Excited by what she learned, she returned to New York and wrote a column

that linked Dallas police officer JD Tippit (thought to have been shot dead by Oswald shortly after the assassination as he tried to flee) to Jack Ruby and to Bernard Weissman – a man who was publicly known to dislike Kennedy. In her column, Kilgallen revealed that all three men had met in Ruby's strip club just one week before Kennedy was shot.

After she revealed more ominous material, the FBI launched an investigation into Kilgallen. But still she persevered, undeterred. She travelled to New Orleans, ostensibly to gather further proof of a cover-up, then returned

home with plans to reveal all in a book. The threat that Kilgallen posed to the forces behind Kennedy's assassination may have caused her demise. Dorothy Kilgallen was found dead in her bed on

8 November 1965. The official explanation of her death was "accidental". An autopsy found an acute mix of ethanol and barbiturates in her system, so suicide could have been the cause of death. But why would Kilgallen commit suicide when the book of her career was set to be published? Was her death truly accidental? Or was she silenced, as were so many, because of her knowledge of the truth surrounding the Kennedy assassination?



FACT OR FICTION?

Shortly after Dorothy Kilgallen's death, Mrs Earl T Smith, a close friend of Kilgallen, also died mysteriously. Could Kilgallen have shared her findings with Smith, and the powers-that-be decided she also needed to be silenced?

"KILGALLEN WAS A POPULAR MEMBER OF THE MEDIA, VERY MUCH IN THE PUBLIC EYE LONG BEFORE HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE INVESTIGATION SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION"

Was the Warren Commission all part of the cover-up, and were they keen for Kilgallen to be silenced?



The Warren Commission - Kilgallen was set to expose it as a sham to fool the public.



The main suspects

The FBI

J Edgar Hoover himself ordered the investigation into Kilgallen, determined to discover just how she was uncovering her information, especially her publication of Ruby's testimony to the Warren Commission. Before Kilgallen broadcast that to the world, it had been classified Top Secret. Kilgallen's refusal to be cowed by the FBI combined with her determination to reveal the truth behind Kennedy's death - including suspected FBI involvement - may have sealed her fate.



The Mob

Another suspect in the Kennedy assassination, the Mafia, may have silenced Kilgallen, trying to make her death look like a suicide. The Mob may have been acting on its own, or under orders from the FBI or the CIA.

Or could it have been...

Richard Kollmar

Kollmar, Kilgallen's husband, was in the apartment at the time of her death, and reportedly didn't find her body until noon the next day. There are rumours that she was romantically involved with singer Johnny Ray. Allegedly, she called him from a public payphone to say that she had the story of the century, but that she didn't feel comfortable talking about it over the phone. Her husband's jealousy as a result of this affair may have played a role in Kilgallen's demise.



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Jealous rivals

Kilgallen made no secret of the impact she felt her investigations would have. In the cut-throat world of journalism, where a single scoop can make or break a career, someone may have decided to trim the competition.

Also suspected

Agents of the Military Industrial Complex, pro-Castro Cubans and anti-Castro Cubans have also been linked to Kilgallen's death.



Hoover ordered the investigation into Kilgallen himself... did he have a hand in her demise?

HIDDEN FILES

None of the files Kilgallen had compiled, including the transcripts of her interview with Jack Ruby and the information she gleaned in New Orleans, were ever released to the media.

THE STORY UNRAVELS

Kilgallen was found in bed, apparently having died while reading a book. Her glasses - which she needed in order to read - were not on her face, nor within her reach. The book was one she had told friends she had already finished reading, and she was still wearing make-up, which Kilgallen always removed before retiring to bed.

NUMEROUS THEORIES

No one really knows what happened to Kilgallen. Was she too close to the truth? Or was the supposed "evidence" she had all lies, and realising her errors, looked for a way out...

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF LORD LUCAN

WE MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED WHEN THE SEVENTH EARL OF LUCAN DISAPPEARED IN 1974



One of the most mysterious vanishing acts ever accomplished by a fugitive was the disappearance of Richard Bingham, the Seventh Earl of Lucan. "Lucky"

Lucan was a member of the aristocracy and a professional gambler, a man with a well-known taste for the easy life. A popular socialite in well-to-do London circles, Lucan's expensive hobbies had left him heavily in debt. He had become estranged from his wife, and the couple were in the process of fighting a bitter custody struggle over their three children.

On the night of 7 November 1974, the 29-year-old nanny who looked after Lucan's children, Sandra Rivett, was brutally murdered in the family's home with a length of lead piping. When Lady Veronica Lucan went to investigate, she too was attacked and badly injured. The alarm was raised when she staggered into a pub close to the house, covered in blood, declaring that her husband had murdered the nanny.

Penniless and without his passport, that same night Lord Lucan left a letter saying that he was innocent. He borrowed a friend's car (the bloodstained vehicle was later retrieved at Newhaven Docks) and then vanished. The last sighting in the UK of the man himself had him some 18 miles away, in the town of Uckfield. Many find it significant that although his children eventually had Lucan declared financially dead, his eldest son was not allowed to have him declared legally dead until the day after the hereditary peerage was abolished in 1999. If this had happened before, his son could have inherited his father's seat in the House of Lords.

"THE ALARM WAS RAISED WHEN SHE STAGGERED INTO A PUB, COVERED IN BLOOD, DECLARING THAT HER HUSBAND HAD MURDERED THE NANNY"



Lady Lucan - a concerned wife missing her husband, or part of the conspiracy that led to his disappearance?



MULTIPLE SIGHTINGS

Much like Elvis, Lucan is regularly sighted around the world. Reports have placed him walking on mountain slopes in Sicily and in permanent residence in Southern Africa. Scotland Yard still investigate supposed sightings of the Earl, and has had as many as 70 different sighting reports under investigation at once. If he is still alive and in hiding, Lucan would be in his eighties, having been penniless and on the run for over 40 years.

DEAD OR ALIVE?

Even though his children eventually managed to have Lucan declared legally dead, the English police were far from convinced. In interviews conducted by author David Southwell in 1999, some detectives at Scotland Yard announced a suspicion that Lucan is living in Botswana in Southern Africa and that frequent trips made by his children to the area have been observed. Lack of funds made an investigation difficult to carry out. Lucan's children, however, dismissed the suggestion as absurd.

A CULT FIGURE

As the publicity around the mistaken Halpin photo showed, Lucan has become something of a popular tragic-heroic figure. He has even adorned the album cover of England pop band Black Box Recorder and been the subject of one of their songs. Given that his theoretical backers are now dead, if Lucan revealed himself today he could make a fortune and the publicity surrounding his case would make a trial almost impossible. If he returned and was exonerated of charges, there's little doubt he would become a genuine English folk hero. There's simply not enough scandal left to make hiding worthwhile any more.



FACT OR FICTION?

In 2003 a furore was caused when a photograph of an elderly man, claimed to be Lord Lucan, was published as part of the publicity for a book claiming that the missing Earl had died in Goa, India, in 1996. However, it later turned out that the photograph – taken in 1991 – was actually that of ancient hippie and one-time folk singer Barry Halpin. Also known as “Mountain” or “Jungle Barry”, Halpin was a banjo-playing ardent socialist, who went to live in India because it was cheap, sunny and more spiritual than St Helens.

Richard Bingham and Veronica Duncan marrying in 1963 – 11 years later, he would disappear never to be seen again.

The main suspects

Lord Lucan – Dead

The most common theory is that the Earl is dead, having committed suicide in despair and remorse after bungling his attempt to kill his wife. He drove to the English coast, and then swam out into the English Channel to drown.



Lord Lucan – Alive

In this version, Lucan was helped out of the county by a rich friend – possibly the now-deceased Sir James Goldsmith – who flew him from the South of England to France in a private plane. The benefactor also provided money and clothing. Once within Europe, it would have been relatively simple to move around without a passport – border controls are often lax – and slowly make his way down to Botswana, where he now lives. Funded by people who would rather not see the peerage dragged into disrepute by a trial, he lives in modest comfort.

Or could it have been...

Freemasons

While it is uncertain whether or not Lucan was a Freemason, many members of the nobility are part of the ancient fraternity. Uncertain of Lucan's guilt but desperate to prevent a hugely embarrassing trial, the Masons helped “Lucky” out of the country, and set him up with a peaceful life somewhere out of the way.



Meonina

Lucan may have been a member of the mysterious organisation dedicated to preserving the bloodline of certain aristocratic British families and ensuring the continuation of Britain through mystic means. If one of their own was in trouble, the secret order would have seen it as their sacred duty to protect him from the threat of prison.



AMELIA EARHART

AN ICON IN WOMEN'S HISTORY, EARHART'S DISAPPEARANCE WAS NEVER EXPLAINED



She was the golden girl of the aviation set, a media celebrity, and an inspiration to women everywhere. Amelia Earhart strode into the male-dominated

world of flying, setting new flight records for women, with a noble mix of courage and grace. Beloved by an America torn apart by the ravages of the Depression, Earhart was a national hero. Her sudden disappearance while trying to fly around the world in 1937 shocked the nation.

Amelia Earhart was born on 24 July 1897, in Atchison, Kansas. Coming from a wealthy family,

Earhart studied to be a nurse's aid in Toronto, and worked as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse in a military hospital during World War I. In 1920, she moved out to California with her family. It was there she attended an aerial meet, and her love of flying was born. Quickly learning to fly, Earhart set a women's altitude record of 14,000 feet two years later, and as the years passed, her reputation as a pilot flourished.

In 1928, New York publisher George Putnam, asked her to become the first woman to cross the Atlantic on the "Friendship" flight between Great Britain and America. She agreed, setting another yet another record. She was tagged with the name "Lady Lindy", after the first pilot to cross the Atlantic, Charles Lindbergh. Earhart disliked this name, because she had merely been a passenger on the "Friendship" flight.

As if to prove herself even more, Earhart continued to set new records. In 1928, she flew across America, travelling from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. In 1931, she set an altitude record of 14,000 feet in an autogiro. A year later, in 1932, Earhart flew across the Atlantic alone, landing in Ireland. She became the darling of the lecture tours, and was honoured by President Hoover and by Congress, becoming the first woman to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross. But her greatest challenge still lay before her – a flight around the world.

On 1 June 1937, Earhart flew out of Miami, Florida in her Electra aeroplane to circumnavigate the globe. Accompanied only by her navigator, Fred Noonan, she set out first for Puerto Rico. From South America, they flew to

Africa, then to the Red Sea. By 29 June they were in New Guinea, ready for the long flight across the Pacific. They were almost home. They left New Guinea at 0:00 GMT, with the US Coast Guard ship Itasca positioned off Howland Island, near Hawaii, to provide radio contact.

They never arrived. Earhart sent a message to the Itasca at 7:42am, saying that they were unable to see the ship, and that their gas was running low. A brief message came through at 8:45am, then silence. The people of America, listening at their radios, was stunned. A shaken President Roosevelt sent out a military search party consisting of 66 aircraft and nine ships, but nothing was found. On 18 July 1937, the search was reluctantly called off. Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan were gone.

A BAD OMEN

In an uncharacteristic loss of control, Earhart made an error while trying to lift off from an airfield near Pearl Harbor. The undercarriage collapsed, severely damaging the plane. In what could be construed as an omen, it was the same plane she disappeared in over the Pacific.

NEVER-ENDING FLIGHT

Despite the largest military search for civilians ever mounted, no wreckage or material from Earhart's plane was found at the time, suggesting that either Earhart was off course (with her formidable flying skills, this is doubtful), or the plane never crashed. None of the bones found since the disappearance have turned out to belong to her. Even recent evidence unearthed by The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, suggesting her plane was at Gardner Island, failed to conclusively solve the mystery, due to the absence of matching bones.

A WATERY GRAVE?

A light plane hitting the ocean at roughly 80 miles an hour would be like a car hitting a cement abutment at the same speed. Add scavengers like sharks and other hungry fish and it's not much of a mystery.

"NONE OF THE BONES FOUND TURNED OUT TO BELONG TO HER"

FACT OR FICTION?

For a week after Earhart's tragic disappearance, several radio operators on ships and aircraft reported to have heard a distress signal coming from the vicinity of Gardner Island. It's very possible Earhart may have been forced to land there after encountering issues in the sky, but mysteriously nothing was ever found. Sixty years later searchers believed they might have found items of Earhart's clothing, which rather begs the question: why wasn't this noticed before?

Amelia knew her plane like the back of her hand, and it's unlikely she went off course.





Amelia set many records as a female pilot, and triggered the largest military search for a civilian.

The main suspects

Amelia Earhart

It was known that Earhart had suffered dysentery during the flight, perhaps impairing her judgement, causing her to crash. It could also have been suicide – Earhart may have been burnt out by the constant attention and expectations of the media. Or she could have simply chosen to disappear, setting up a new life after away from the public eye. Some theories have her going to an isolated island to live peacefully with native fishermen.

The Nazi Party

It has been suggested that Earhart was on a secret mission for President Roosevelt to monitor Nazi activities around the globe. Shot down or captured by the Germans, this would explain the sizable military force Roosevelt sent out to rescue her in an attempt, perhaps, to retrieve sensitive American information or useful data on the Nazis.



Or could it have been...

Temporal Rift

Earhart may have flown into a temporal rift, which is what the Bermuda Triangle is rumoured to be. This would explain the trouble with radio contact between the plane and Itasca, and her confusion. Perhaps her plane is simply lost in the past or the future, along with numerous other planes and ships that have claimed to have gone missing in this part of the world.



The Japanese

Along the lines of the Nazi Party theory, this theory sees the Japanese capturing Earhart, coercing her to take to the airwaves as the dreaded "Tokyo Rose", the female propaganda machine that was a deadly scourge to GI morale during World War II.

The US Government

If Earhart was an American spy, perhaps she discovered something disturbing about her employers. In retaliation, the Air Force would have shot down her plane, then valiantly mounted a search party for public relations purposes, while ensuring that no evidence remained.



Flying was a labour of love for Amelia – she was infatuated with it since a young age.

WHERE IS JIMMY HOFFA?

A POSSIBLE MOB HIT, DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO JIMMY HOFFA?



The mysterious disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa has become the stuff of North American urban legend. The unknown whereabouts of the body of the ex-Teamsters union leader is a source of never-ending

conjecture. What is even more compelling is that while everyone is in agreement that Hoffa is

indeed dead, no one has ever been arrested for killing him. The efforts of police, from Detroit detectives to the FBI, have not uncovered the killers. Their identity remains as mysterious as the final resting place of Hoffa himself.

James Riddle Hoffa was born 14 February 1913, in Brazil, Indiana. After getting a job as a warehouseman at Kroger, the grocery store chain, Hoffa joined the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, a trade union. By 1957, Hoffa had climbed the union ladder to become President of the Teamsters, a position he held until 1971.

During his tenure as President of the Teamsters, Hoffa was often linked with the Mafia

and with illegal activities. Robert F Kennedy investigated Hoffa in the Fifties and Sixties, which ended up with Hoffa being convicted for jury tampering (during an earlier trial in which Hoffa was accused of receiving illegal payments from a trucking firm). In 1967, Hoffa was sentenced to eight years in a Federal prison. His sentence was commuted in 1970 by President Nixon, with a condition of parole being that Hoffa should refrain from all union activities until 1980.

This didn't impress Hoffa, who began to make moves to regain control of the Teamsters. By 1975 he was on the verge of success, but this didn't fit in with the future plans of the Mafia. Having had trouble with Hoffa, La Cosa Nostra hoped his successor, Frank Fitzsimmons, would prove more compliant. With the strong possibility that the stipulation barring Hoffa from union activities could be annulled, coupled with his strong loyalty base in the Teamsters, there was a chance that Hoffa could be president again. This was not something the Mafia wanted to see.

On Wednesday 30 July 1975, Hoffa drove out to the Machus Red Fox Restaurant on Six Mile Road in Detroit, Michigan. It is known that he was due to meet someone there, but exactly who that was has never been revealed. Bearing in mind Hoffa's well-founded paranoia, it must have been someone he trusted. He was last seen alive at around 2:30pm in the restaurant's parking lot. He then disappeared, surfacing again only in public myth and speculation.

“DONALD FRANKOS TOLD PLAYBOY MAGAZINE THAT HOFFA WAS BURIED BENEATH THE END ZONE OF THE NEW YORK GIANTS FOOTBALL STADIUM”



Hoffa with his son James, who also went on to become President of the Teamsters.

RESTING PLACE

The final resting place of Jimmy Hoffa remains a mystery, with claims ranging from the outrageous to the macabre. One story has him buried in the depths of Lake Michigan, while perhaps the most outrageous was the one put forth by Donald “Tony the Greek” Frankos, who told *Playboy* magazine that Hoffa was buried beneath the end zone of the New York Giants football stadium.

More plausible theories have Hoffa's body placed in the foundations of a shopping mall, while the FBI are partial to Hoffa coming to rest in a vat of bubbling zinc in a Detroit car factory.



FACT OR FICTION?

Knowing full well how the Mafia worked, Hoffa would never have got into a car with people he didn't trust. There's a darker element of betrayal to the story: whoever killed Hoffa, or led him to be killed, were friends he trusted to be loyal.

SOMETHING FISHY

The car Chuckie O'Brien was driving the day of Hoffa's disappearance was seized by the FBI. It was a new Mercury Brougham, belonging to Joseph Giacalone. Police dogs found Hoffa's scent in the back seat, as well as evidence of his blood and skin. O'Brien blamed the blood on a fish he was inexplicably delivering to a friend.

AN INEVITABLE ENDING

If you run with wolves, chances are you'll get bitten. The only thing that separates this from any other Mob hit is the surprising lack of evidence buttressed by the silence of the killers. If Hoffa's body had been found, this would be nothing more than a half-forgotten footnote in the bloody history of Mob business. As Mob conspiracies go, it should be considered small-time – despite the way some conspiracy buffs view the case.

The main suspects

The Mafia

There was potential for the Mob to make a lot of money from the Teamsters, especially with access to the massive Teamster pension funds. If an unco-operative Hoffa regained control of the Teamsters the loss of this lucrative source of income would mean a sizeable financial setback to the Mafia. There were also rumours that Hoffa had told the government about the Mob's involvement in the Teamsters, as a condition of his restriction on union involvement being lifted. This alone would merit revenge in the eyes of the Mafia.

Tony Provenzano

Hoffa had upset some members of the Mob on a more personal level, among them Tony Provenzano. "Tony Pro", as he was known, held a grudge against Hoffa from their time together in prison, and may have put a contract out on the ex-Teamsters leader. He went to great pains to establish an alibi on the day of Hoffa's disappearance.

Chuckie O'Brien

O'Brien may have been the man Hoffa expected to meet at the Red Fox, an apparently trustworthy decoy set up by the true killers. O'Brien grew up in Hoffa's home, effectively as an unofficial "adopted son", and would not have been seen by Hoffa as a threat. O'Brien, himself, came under investigation when the police heard he was alleged to be in debt to the Mafia.

Union Officials

Not wanting to lose their positions within the union if Hoffa was elected president, some union officials may have put a contract out on him.

Or could it have been...

The Teamsters Union

Not wanting to experience the corrupt reign of Hoffa again, members of the Teamsters may have concluded that, in the light of his popularity with the membership, there was no other route to removing him than murder.

The FBI

A long-shot theory centres around the FBI. It may not have wanted the combative Hoffa to be in control of one of the most powerful unions in the US, especially with Hoffa's grudge against law enforcement. Involvement in his disappearance would explain the Bureau's "inability" to solve the case.

Also suspected...

Tony Giacalone has also been heavily linked with Hoffa's disappearance.



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Hoffa made a lot of enemies, and faced a number of criminal charges during his life.



MARTIN LUTHER KING

WAS AN INNOCENT MAN CONVICTED OF THE FAMED CIVIL RIGHTS ICON'S ASSASSINATION?



speaker, making moving speeches for civil rights in the Sixties, from the famous civil rights march

He was a man of peace, and like most men who try to make the world a better place, his life ended violently. Dr Martin Luther King was an eloquent

of 200,000 people on Washington in 1963 to the more private confines of a church. He fought with dignity for a seemingly impossible goal – equal rights for all men and women, despite the colour of their skin. During the turbulent Sixties, many in America hoped King's dream would never come true.

King fought against the bigotry and ignorance in the US with weapons his enemies didn't expect – intelligence and compassion. He refused to stand down from what he believed in, angering those who felt blacks were nothing more than second-class citizens and should not dream of being anything more. King's quiet persistence raised fears of a changed status

quo, from the Ku Klux Klan up to the FBI. He made some powerful enemies and, in the end, they defeated him the only way they could, by silencing him forever.

Returning to Memphis in April 1968, King booked a room at the Motel Lorraine. He had returned to hold another demonstration, disgusted that an earlier protest held in the city in March that year had collapsed into violence. He was determined that this protest would not follow the same route. During his previous stay in Memphis, he had been criticised for staying in a white-owned hotel. To prove a point, King stayed in the Motel Lorraine – owned by blacks, but in a worse area of town.

On 4 April 1968, as evening was setting over Memphis, King was shot as he stood on the second-floor balcony of the Motel Lorraine. The threat to the status quo was eliminated. James Earl Ray, a local criminal, was arrested for the murder, and was accused of shooting King from the bathroom of a nearby boarding house. Doubts, though, began to arise as to whether or not Ray was the true assassin.

SUDDEN WEALTH

James Earl Ray, who apparently had little money, somehow managed to become a world traveller following King's assassination. With his newfound wealth, he flew to Canada, England, and then Portugal. When he was arrested in London's Heathrow Airport he was preparing to fly to Belgium.

KING FAMILY

It is not just the conspiracy community that believes Ray was innocent. Members of the King family supported claims of innocence and when Ray died in prison in Tennessee in 1998, they were invited to attend the funeral. The service was even conducted by the Reverend James Lawson, the former pastor of Centenary United who had invited Dr King to speak to striking sanitation workers in Memphis in 1968, during which visit he was shot. Maybe



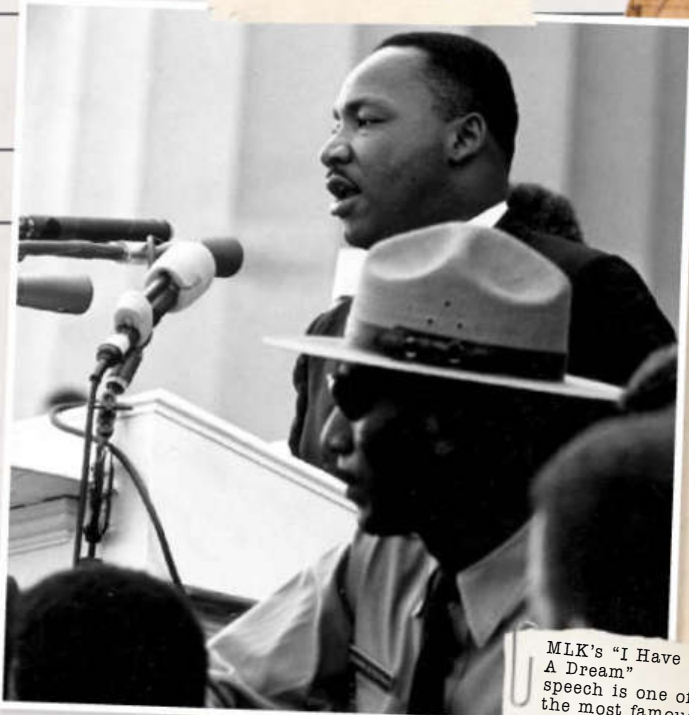
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Was James Earl Ray just a scapegoat for a much bigger force who wished to silence King?



FACT OR FICTION?

The only witness to claim he actually saw Ray at the boarding house after the shooting was Charles Stephens; other witnesses claimed that Stephens was too drunk to have seen anything, or at least to have remembered what he saw correctly. Even Stephens' wife refuted her husband's story, insistently claiming the man she saw in the boarding house was not Ray. Despite all of this, the authorities went with her husband's story. For her troubles, Mrs Stephens was committed to a mental institution.



MLK's "I Have A Dream" speech is one of the most famous in history.



President Johnson and King meet during the signing of the Voting Rights Act in 1965.

they were swayed by the fact that despite the large number of death threats directed at the civil rights leader, Memphis police quietly withdrew the expected police protection surrounding King one day before he was assassinated.

A STRONG CASE

Of all the political assassinations in the Sixties, all with disturbingly clear government ties, the murder of Martin Luther King has to vie with RFK's for the title of being the most arrogant. It is staggering that it took the FBI over 15 days to publicly announce that a bundle, thrown by the assassin, belonged to James Earl Ray. Perhaps they should have announced they were giving him a "head start" as well.

The main suspects

The FBI

The head of the FBI, J Edgar Hoover, thought King was one of the most dangerous men in America. In its attempts to remove King from his position of power, the FBI secretly taped King's alleged extramarital activities and used the tapes in the hope of convincing King to avoid public embarrassment by committing suicide. When that failed to work, there was only one alternative...



The CIA

Another theory suggests that King's assassins were provided by the CIA, disguised as Memphis Police. Ray was framed for the crime; government agents carried out the actual killing. This would seem to be substantiated by the fact that when Ray was arrested, he was carrying several pieces of fake ID and more than one passport – documents rumoured to be the work of a CIA identities specialist.

The Ku Klux Klan

King represented everything that the Klan hates. By killing King, the Klan would send a message showing what happens to blacks who rise above their station in life.

Or could it have been...

The Memphis Police

Memphis was not particularly friendly to King, and the violent end to the demonstration in March 1968 did not endear him to the city, let alone to the police force. It has been rumoured that CIA agents posed as policemen and killed King, but they may not have had to – the police could have had their own grudge against the civil rights leader, racially motivated or otherwise. It's interesting to note that the office of the Director of the Memphis Police Force was heavily populated by members of the military shortly before the killing.



Inside members of King's party

It has been suggested that the conspiracy to kill King extended into his own camp. Rumours have persisted that more than one of his close followers was a spy for the police or FBI and may have helped throw pursuers off the scent of the true killers by pointing to the boarding house window after King was shot.

The Mob

The Mafia was allegedly approached by the FBI to kill King, and offered a million dollars to do the job. The Mob refused, mysteriously citing the "screw-ups" the FBI caused directly after the Kennedy killing, but they may have had second thoughts if the plot was sweetened.

"IT IS NOT JUST THE CONSPIRACY COMMUNITY THAT BELIEVES RAY WAS INNOCENT"

THE ASSASSINATION OF MALCOLM X

WAS THE DEATH OF A MAN WHO STOOD UP FOR BLACK RIGHTS MUCH OF A SURPRISE?



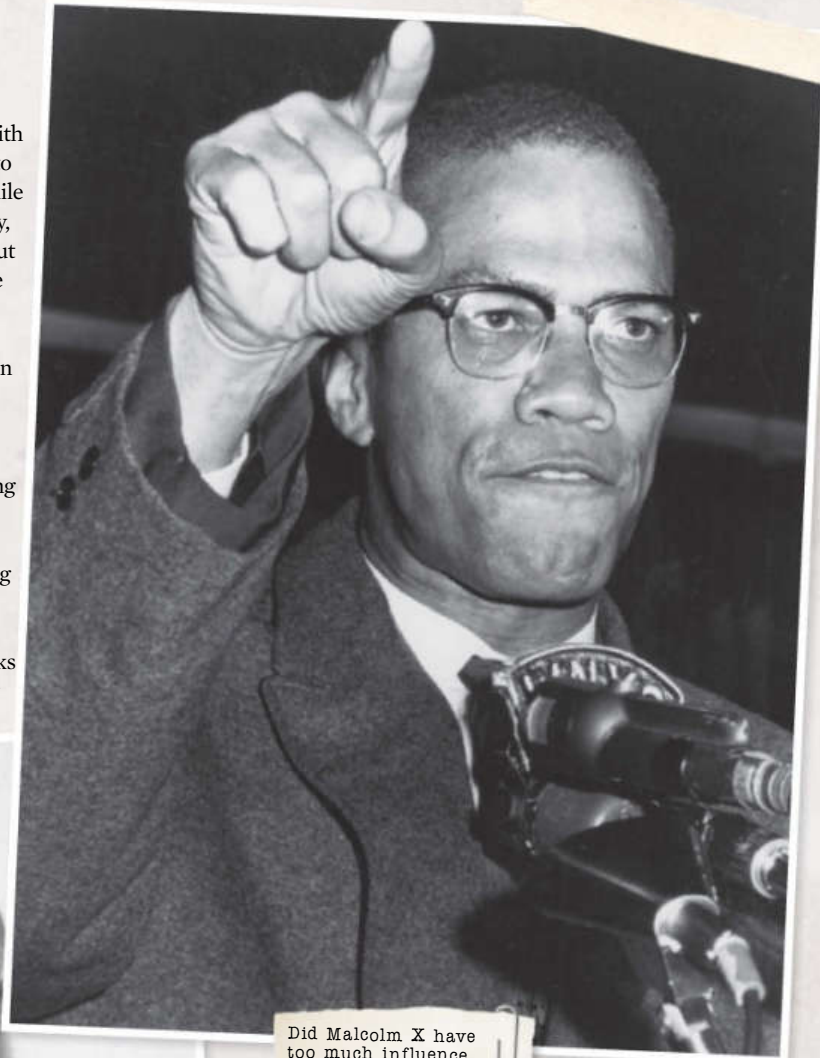
If you were a controversial political figure in America during the Sixties, it was highly probable that your life would end in a hail of bullets.

Malcolm X, the fiery leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity, who outraged white America with his pronouncements on racial matters, was yet another man cut down in his prime because of the dangerous power of his beliefs.

Malcolm X was born Malcolm Little in 1925. His father, a Baptist minister, was murdered by white racists six years later and the family was broken up and put into care. Although he was a bright student, Little's dreams of becoming a lawyer were crushed when a teacher

explained to him that he was only a "nigger", and should consider becoming a carpenter instead. Disillusioned with education, he drifted into a life of petty crime. While serving time for burglary, Little began to read about the Nation of Islam. The NOI's beliefs of black self-reliance and the need for racial separation intrigued Little, and when he was released, in 1952, he joined the Nation of Islam, dropping his surname because it was a vestige of slave ownership, and replacing it with a simple "X".

Malcolm X rose quickly through the ranks of the Nation, becoming



Did Malcolm X have too much influence and therefore needed to be silenced?



The only meeting between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King. Both would be assassinated.

the organisation's chief spokesman. But after his inflammatory comments about the Kennedy assassination, its leader, Elijah Muhammad, suspended him from the NOI. Malcolm X took this opportunity to create his Organization of Afro-American Unity, and did not return to the Nation when his suspension was over.

Where Martin Luther King believed in non-violence and the integration of the black man into white America, Malcolm X angered white society by stating that blacks were superior to whites in all ways. He travelled the world, speaking in the Middle East, and generating support for a United Nations resolution condemning both South Africa and the United States for human rights violations

in their treatment of blacks. Such views, as well as animosity from the Nation of Islam, made Malcolm X a man who was widely hated. This hatred came to a head on 21 February 1965, at the Audubon Ballroom in New York.

At the beginning of the meeting, a fight broke out in front of the stage where Malcolm X was speaking. As he tried to calm things down, a group of five assassins stood in the audience and shot him. Malcolm X died shortly afterwards, another figure cut down in America's cull of leaders who threatened the Establishment in the not-so-groovy Sixties.

A VERY SLOW RESPONSE

Even though there was a hospital across the street from the Audubon Ballroom, it still took close to half an hour for an emergency crew to arrive, following X's shooting. Could this point to the fact that the powers-that-be weren't in a rush to save the cult figure?

CONNECTIONS

Leon Ameer, a member of the Organization of Afro-American Unity, stated on 13 March 1965, that he had proof of a government connection in Malcolm X's death. Unfortunately, Ameer's body was found the following morning before he could back up this claim. His death was attributed to an epileptic fit, even though past medical examinations had found no hint of epilepsy.

SAD TRUTH

In the US, if you're black and speak out about human rights, it seems you're a radical asking to be shot. If you're white, you're a humanitarian and get asked to Rotary dinners. There's evidence to suggest this is simply the sad truth.

"MALCOLM X ANGERED WHITE SOCIETY BY STATING THAT BLACKS WERE IN FACT SUPERIOR TO WHITES IN ALL WAYS"

The main suspects

The FBI

J Edgar Hoover, the head of the FBI, distrusted Malcolm X because he represented a force of black power that had no place in Hoover's view of America. One counter-intelligence programme sponsored by the FBI was designed to keep a "black messiah" like X from uniting the black movement. With Malcolm X growing closer to Martin Luther King, the FBI could have decided that killing X was the only way to prevent a united black front from arising.



The US Government

The prospect of a UN resolution condemning the US along with South Africa for human rights violations seemed a clear possibility. This would have been seriously embarrassing for the US. By taking out the chief proponent for this resolution, Malcolm X, the States could then spin-doctor the whole messy business away.

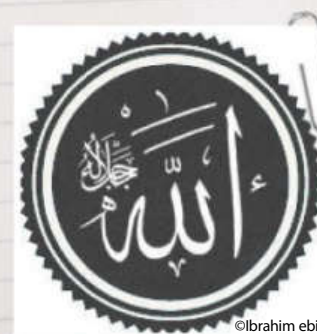
Or could it have been...

The Mob

In an effort to clean up black neighbourhoods and institute a lifestyle of clean living, Malcolm X verbally attacked the drug trade. This threat to the profits that could be made from the despair of the ghetto may have sealed X's fate.

The Nation of Islam

The schisms between the Nation of Islam and Malcolm X's own group ran deep, with some people feeling that X was unfairly criticizing Elijah Muhammad and other Nation leaders, such as Louis Farrakhan, if not outrightly blaspheming. This could have resulted in a murder that had both political and religious overtones to its motive as some in the Nation of Islam openly fanned this hatred of X.



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FACT OR FICTION?

Of the three men who were convicted of Malcolm X's murder, one was unable to walk and was at home on the day of the assassination. This raises doubts over the "facts" the helped convict all three men.

CHANDRA LEVY

A POLITICAL AFFAIR. A MISSING INTERN. JUST ANOTHER DAY IN WASHINGTON...



When the skeletal remains of missing former Washington intern Chandra Levy were found in a Washington DC park in May 2002, almost 13

months after she vanished without a trace, a missing person case became a murder investigation and a political scandal developed into a full-blown conspiracy theory. When she came to Washington to begin an internship at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in September 2000 Levy was just 22. Within weeks, friends had introduced her to Democratic Congressman

Gary Condit, who represented her home district in California. It was a fateful meeting, as the two quickly became secret lovers.

Condit, a member of the US Congress since 1989, was married and the father of two adult children. A major political player in Washington, he had founded a voting coalition of conservative and moderate congressmen. He also sat on several committees connected to espionage agencies and acted as an overseer of the CIA, through his work as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. However, it was not just through her intimate relationship with Condit that Levy had access to information for which some conspiriologists would happily exchange various body parts. Her role at the Federal Bureau of Prisons involved making access arrangements for the press to view the execution of Timothy McVeigh, the man convicted of the Oklahoma Bombing. (To many conspiracy cynics, he is known as Lee Harvey McVeigh, due to their belief that he was merely a patsy.) Levy had access to sensitive Bureau and Department of Justice records relating to the condemned prisoner.

On Monday 23 April 2001, Levy was somewhat surprisingly released from her internship. A mere week later, she was seen alive for the last time when she called in to cancel her membership of the Washington Sports Club. When her worried parents contacted the police on Saturday 5 May 2001, they searched her apartment and found suitcases packed and ready to leave but no trace of Levy. Officially declared missing, suspicion began to build on Condit and the nature of his relationship with Levy. Questioned by both the police and her parents, at first he denied having an affair. When inconsistencies in his story surfaced, he eventually confessed to police that he was having a sexual relationship with Levy.

Over a year later, Levy was still missing and with his reputation in shreds, Condit was ousted from his seat in the Democratic primary by Dennis Cardoza, a former member of his own staff. However, the eventual discovery of Levy's body did not even begin to answer any of the questions her family, the police and conspiracy theorists had as to why she had gone missing in the first place.

FACT OR FICTION?

The lead FBI investigator in the case was Special Agent Bradley J Garrett. Garrett had played a key role in the prosecution of Pakistan national Aimal Kasi, who was accused of murdering CIA agents in a car parked outside the Agency's HQ in Langley, Virginia. He had also investigated the suspicious death of another young female intern shot in a Washington DC Starbucks. Being an FBI agent involved in two conspiracies with unresolved questions makes you either incredibly unlucky or highly suspicious...

Levy had looked up Klingle Mansion online before her disappearance, but it still took 13 months to find her body.



VITAL MISTAKES

Levy's skeleton was found by a man walking his dog in Rock Creek Park, in an area previously searched by the police and just 300 yards from a running path that she was known to have used. Police discovered Levy had looked at a website about the Klingle Mansion, a farmhouse built in 1823 and now used as park offices, on the day she disappeared, which made the park a major focus of the investigation. Given that it was not buried, how come it took almost 13 months to find her body?

NOT SO SECRET

Given Condit's sensitive position as a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the access he had to highly classified intelligence, one of the most surprising and suspicious elements of the Chandra Levy case is just how little interest the US secret

“THE REASON THEY ARE NOT LOOKING IS BECAUSE THEY ALREADY KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS”

Former Congressman Gary Condit – an affair with Chandra cost him his career.



The main suspects

The CIA

Given Condit's role in overseeing the CIA, many believe that it was something he discovered in this capacity that led to Levy's death. Her disappearance not only helped to remove him from any position of power over the Agency, it also served as a warning of the fate that might lay in store for him, if he shared his knowledge with anyone else.



The FBI

At the time of Chandra's disappearance, questions were mounting up with regard to the FBI and their investigation of Timothy McVeigh. A court battle over evidence that the FBI had concealed led to a delay in the planned date of his execution. Did Levy's work involving that execution lead her to discover something about McVeigh that may have made the FBI take a hand in arranging her fatal vanishing act?



The Republican Party

Even Hillary Clinton talks about a "vast right-wing conspiracy" against successful Democrat politicians. So it is no surprise that there are those who believe that the whole Chandra Levy affair was a plot by renegade Republicans to unseat Condit and yet again drag the Democratic political establishment through the mud over sexual impropriety with young interns.

Or could it have been...

Mossad

Ever since she had been a little girl, Levy had wanted to be a spy and she and other members of her family had strong connections with Israel. Some theorists believe that she had been recruited by Mossad – the Israeli secret service – to infiltrate to the highest possible levels in Washington, possibly to provide future blackmail on key politicians. If agents of the US or a country hostile to Israel had discovered this, it could certainly have been a motive for her death.



members of Condit's staff

Not every conspiracy needs to be about global politics. Often they can be local and personal. If that is the case with Chandra Levy, then it is easy to understand why some have already pointed the finger at members of Condit's own staff, who may have wanted to expose the Congressman for either personal or Democratic Party benefit.

services took in her disappearance. In most other countries, if an intern of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, who was connected to a politician with close links to foreign intelligence, disappeared, it would not just be the conspiracy theorists massing to try and find out what happened to her. The absence of serious investigation by the shadowy forces responsible for security of the State convinces many that a full-blown cover-up is involved. They believe the reason they are not looking is because they already know all the answers – they just do not want anyone else to discover the truth.

A COINCIDENCE?

An unknown random attacker murders a young woman; a married politician has a career-wrecking affair with an intern – sadly, these are hardly uncommon occurrences. Were it not for the coincidence that both headlines could be related to Chandra Levy, conspiracy theorists would have their work cut out finding anything to worry about. Unfortunately, Washington DC is convoluted and murky enough that it's highly unlikely there's anything deeper to this story.

SHARON TATE

THE TRAGIC MURDER OF A HOLLYWOOD ACTRESS LED TO A NATIONAL OUTCRY



On the night of 9 August 1969, the Sixties dreams of peace and love were forever shattered. For many, the following morning became a

waking nightmare when aspiring Hollywood actress Sharon Tate and four of her friends were found brutally murdered at the home of her husband, the film director Roman Polanski. Inside the Polanski residence the scene that confronted investigating police officers was truly horrific. The killings were particularly brutal with the victims having been beaten and stabbed after being shot and there were clear ritualistic elements to the affair. The slogans “Death to Pigs”, “Rise” and “Healter Skelter” [sic] had been found written in the victim’s own blood on the walls and the word “War” had

been carved into one of victim’s body with a fork that was left embedded in his corpse. The fact that Tate was pregnant at the time of her savage slaying merely added an extra note to the horror felt across the USA when it became headline news that one of Hollywood’s “beautiful people” and her wealthy friends had been butchered. The following night, when two more victims were murdered in what the media immediately assumed was a copycat ritual killing, a wave of panic gripped California and much of Middle America.

Given the concern that the social turmoil at the time, including the Black Panthers and the rise of radical “hippies”, was causing the establishment, it was not surprising when a theory quickly took hold that these were killings of a politically inspired nature. This

perception was heightened when radical American terror group, The Weathermen – who took their name from a line in the Bob Dylan song, *Subterranean Homesick Blues* – issued a statement, declaring 1969 to be “the year of the fork”.

While panic about the murders mounted, on 12

August an unconnected police

operation raided the Barker Ranch in Death Valley in an attempt to smash open a major auto-theft ring operating from the ranch. Among the 26 people arrested was one Charles Manson and the police only found him when they spotted his matted hair sticking out from underneath the closet in which he was hiding. The majority of those caught in the bust were young female dropouts who formed the “Manson Family” and saw Charles in almost messianic terms. Over the next three months, thanks to an alleged confession to a cellmate by one of the Manson Family members – ex-stripper and Satanist Susan Atkins – and a tip-off by the notorious California Biker Gang, the Straight Satans, Manson became the authorities’ top suspect. In their eyes, he went from eccentric guru and auto-theft mastermind to the inspiration for his followers to kill Tate and her friends.

During December 1969, Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi brought conspiracy indictments



FACT OR FICTION?

Members of the Californian music community knew a different side to Manson. During an earlier spell in jail he had been taught to play guitar by Alvin “Creepy” Karpis, the sole survivor of the infamous “Ma Barker” gang. Despite failing an audition to become a member of the TV show-based band, The Monkees, he met The Beach Boys and lived for a time at the Malibu mansion of band member Dennis Wilson. Wilson referred to Manson as “the Wizard” and The Beach Boys bought one of Manson’s compositions to use as a b-side.



against Manson, who was described as a “Top Hippie”. Bugliosi claimed that Manson thought the lyrics of The Beatles’ *White Album* – especially the tracks *Piggies* and *Helter Skelter* – were written for him and were directing him to try and start the apocalypse. The murder trial sought to prove that Manson’s followers, including Susan Atkins, Linda Kasabian, Leslie Louise van Houten, Patricia Krenwinkel and Charles “Tex” Watson, had committed the murders in an attempt to frame the Black Panthers and start a race war to herald the apocalypse itself. Bugliosi’s prosecution was successful and, despite no evidence ever placing him anywhere close to the murders, Manson remains in prison and is not due for another parole hearing until 2027.

A SET UP?

When Manson’s base in the desert at the Barker Ranch was raided, police found a number of firearms, including high calibre pistols and a sub-machine gun. If the Manson family had murdered Sharon Tate and her guests, why were they shot with a small calibre .22 (5.5mm) Longhorn revolver? Why use a gun most often used for sport and shooting vermin? The Longhorn has a reputation for being deadly only when used by highly trained Israeli hit squads conducting



Charles Manson remains incarcerated to this day, after being found guilty of conspiracy to commit seven murders, including that of Sharon Tate.



covert assassinations. Did someone other than members of Manson family murder Sharon Tate and set Manson up to take the blame?

ALREADY GUILTY

In terms of legal process and natural justice Manson's trial was so flawed that it is not hard to imagine him having had more chance of getting a fair hearing at a Stalinist show trial in Soviet Russia than the Los Angeles courthouse in 1970. While the trial was still on-going and before any verdict had been reached, President Richard Nixon publicly stated, "Manson is Guilty." The seeming absence of the usual concept of innocent until proven guilty – as articulated by the most powerful man in the US at the time – has helped convince many conspiriologists that Manson was nothing more than an eccentric patsy in a baroque conspiracy.

DRUGS DON'T WORK

When you have a whacked-out career criminal with messianic delusions, living in the desert surrounded by a group of followers taking vast amounts of hallucinogenic drugs, almost any conspiracy theory is likely to make as much sense as the nonsense that led to the killings.

The main suspects

Richard Nixon

Given the use made of the fear generated by Tate's murder in his election campaign and the personal interest he took in the case during Manson's trial, many conspiracy theorists believe that well-known conspirator, Tricky Dickie, played a role in this case. They believe the killings were a plot created by him to generate a moral panic that he could exploit to strengthen his strong law and order and anti-counter culture election platform.



Satanists

There were a large number of active Satanist groups operating in California at the time of the murders. Given the ritual elements of the killings and Polanski's notorious films involving Satanism, such as *Rosemary's Baby*, many feel that it would make more sense to blame followers of the chief fallen angel, rather than those of a petty criminal and failed rock star.

Ku Klux Klan

If, as the prosecution claimed, the murders really were an attempt to frame the Black Panthers and cause a race war, some conspiriologists believe it makes more sense for them to have been the work of the KKK. At least the Klan were a group with explicit motives for fomenting racial tension and attacking individuals they saw as "left-wing Jewish degenerates".

Or could it have been...

Hollywood sex cult

While not at home that night, Polanski was notorious for taping "swing" parties and one of the victims murdered alongside Tate – her former boyfriend Jay Sebring – was well-known for his interest in sado-masochistic sex orgies. Were powerful celebrity members of a Hollywood sex cult behind a cover-up for a night of debauchery that went wrong?

The Process Church

The strange and secretive English religious group known as The Process Church, who believe that one of the paths to God is by following the example of Lucifer, had an influence on Manson. He once wrote for their LA magazine *Process* and members of The Process Church visited him while he was in prison. This leads some to believe they had a hand in the events surrounding Tate's death.

Biker Gangs

Manson's group had come into conflict with some of the Biker Gangs operating criminal activities in the Death Valley area. Some suspect that they carried out the killings, setting them up and then informing on the Manson Family to eliminate criminal competition.

The CIA

It has been well established that both the CIA and FBI undertook many covert operations to try and implicate the Black Panthers in a range of publicly damaging criminal activities. It may be that the slaughterhouse at the Polanski residence was a result of one of their scams where the mud failed to stick to the intended target.



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A plot to kill a musical maestro

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Mystical cup or descendent of Jesus?



Will the Whitechapel murders ever be solved?





Rasputin - man
or myth?

**"THE HOLY GRAIL IS NOTHING
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FOUNDED BY JESUS CHRIST"**

Was Guy Fawkes
set up?



Could
anyone
really be
so evil?



Did
Shakespeare
murder
Christopher
Marlowe?



THE HOLY GRAIL

THE BLOODLINE OF CHRIST IS THE REAL HOLY GRAIL OF CONSPIRACY THEORIES



The legends of King Arthur and the Holy Grail, the cup that Christ drank from at the Last Supper, were largely set into their current forms in the 14th Century,

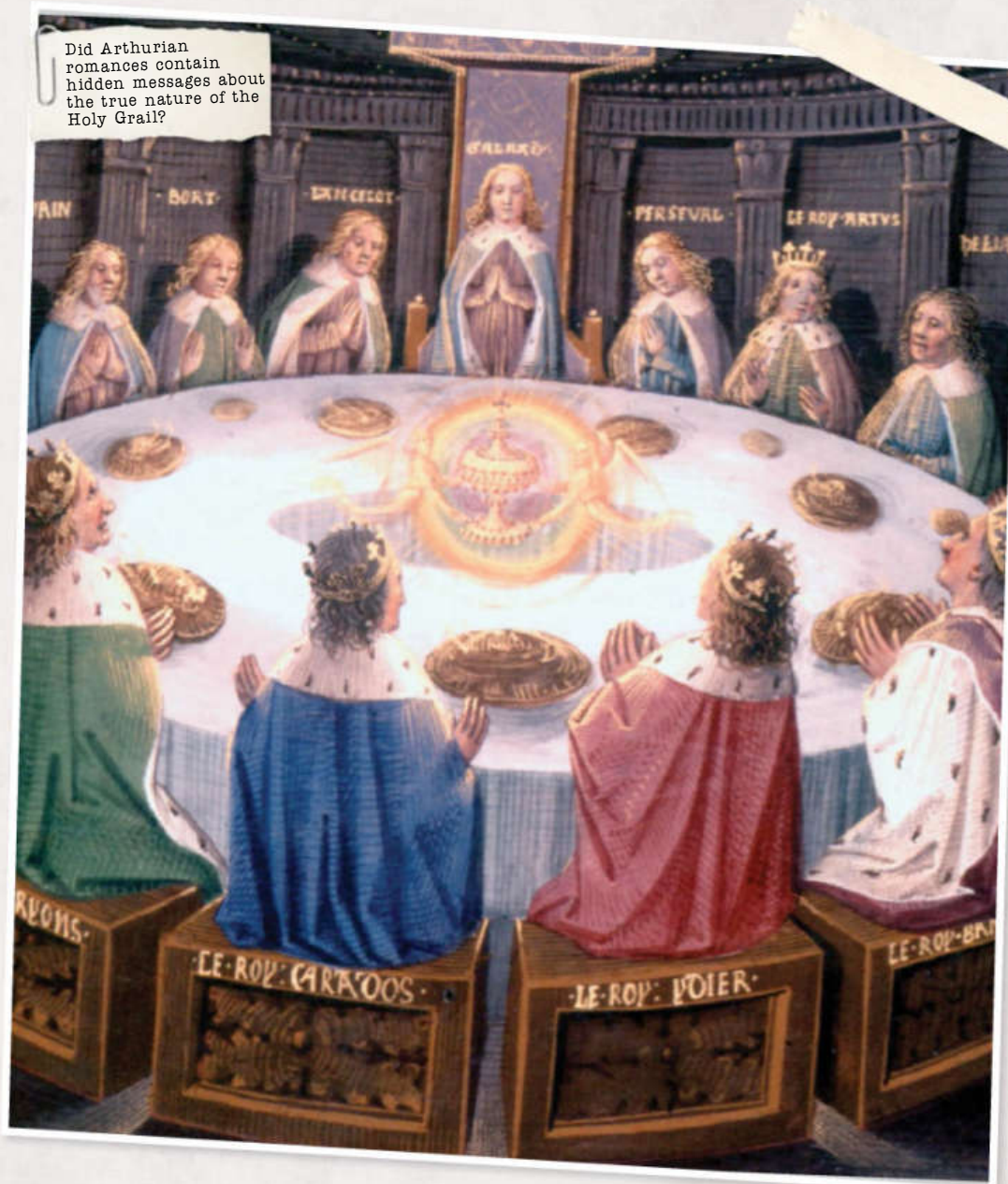
a time when French and German romantic poets were writing sagas based on common stories.

King Arthur and his round table of holy knights are a historical pastiche that misses the truth – the kind of plate armour that Arthur's knights are associated with was not invented until centuries after his time. Similarly, the idea of a glowing golden chalice humming with the divine power to heal the land and raise the dead, is actually a complete distraction from the true Grail.

The idea of the Holy Grail comes from a deliberate misinterpretation of the root term “Sangreal” on the part of the Catholic Church. Splitting the term into “San Greal”, and from there to “San Graal”, or “Saint Grail”, the derivation of the idea of the Holy Grail is plain. However, if the word is split into “Sang Real”, the true Latin meaning becomes clear – the Blood Royal. The Holy Grail is nothing more and nothing less than the royal line of descent founded by Jesus Christ.

Jesus was not born of a virgin, but in the normal manner. He was rescued from the cross by friends and was married to Mary Magdalene. They had three children, a daughter and two sons, and they settled in France in exile, far from the reach of the Romans. When Joseph of Arimathea arrived in England, legend says that he brought the Grail with him, rather than a cup, and he brought his nephew Justus, Jesus's oldest son. Over the years, the exiled Hebrew

“HE WAS RESCUED FROM THE CROSS BY FRIENDS AND WAS MARRIED TO MARY MAGDALENE”



royal family bred with local nobles, and the line became the Merovingian Kings of France. Even King Arthur's name is likely to be a nickname – Artos means the Bear. The real Arthur was a warlord related to the Merovingians – the Bear King, inheritor of the Blood Royal.

Through the centuries, the Holy Grail – the Blood of Christ – passed through the Merovingians to the Templars and the Crusaders, and into some of the royal bloodlines of Feudal Europe from the French Stuarts to the Scottish

Sinclairs and certain noble houses of Greece and Italy. Interestingly, the Grail heritage is not part of the Germanic House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, reputedly now known as the Windsors, the royal family of Great Britain...

ROYAL BRITAIN

It is alleged that the name Britain comes from the term B'rith-ain, or The Land of the Covenant. Furthermore, the idea of Merrie England is in



The Holy Grail – or Sangreal as some call it – could lead to the descendants of Jesus Christ.

fact derived from St Mary the Gypsy, Mary Jacob, who came to Europe with Mary Magdalene. She had a widespread cult in early Europe, and is best known in the form of Maid Marian and the Merrie Men of Robin Hood. These little known “facts” go to show the extent of the Holy Bloodline in Britain.

KING JESUS

The long bloodlines in the Bible are there to prove Jesus’ lineage as a royal descendant of David. The book of Matthew actually gives a line of descent from David the King down to Jacob being the father of Joseph, husband of Mary. The title of Christ denotes Jesus’ royal status, and we should think of him properly as King Jesus. The whole concept of immaculate conception and divine succession was invented by the Catholic Church in the 4th Century to justify their power, stealing the authority of the royal line for themselves, by the “Grace of God”.

NOT SO SPECIAL

If the Holy Grail is the Homo Superior mutation, and if it was passed into the royal families of Europe, there would be thousands of people worldwide with the gene, and any differences would have been noticed by medical science.



FACT OR FICTION?

Although the House of Windsor does not share in the Grail heritage, Princess Diana was supposedly descended from the Royal House of Stewart. Although it is generally said that Queen Elizabeth II is royal and Diana married into the family, in fact the truth was just the opposite; it was Diana who was descended from Jesus Christ.

Could this have also played a part in the suspicious death of Princess Di, as an attempt to destroy the bloodline of Christ?

The main suspects

Meonia

The secret mystical order charged with protecting the fate of the British Isles knew all about the truth behind the Grail and manipulated history and Royal dynasties accordingly. It is open to conjecture if the organisation had any involvement with Princess Diana’s marriage into the Windsor clan – though Diana did have ancestral links to the Meonia organisation.

Priory of Sion

This French version of Meonia is a more surreal organisation. If they exist, they are almost certainly closely involved in the Holy Grail conspiracy.

The Catholic Church

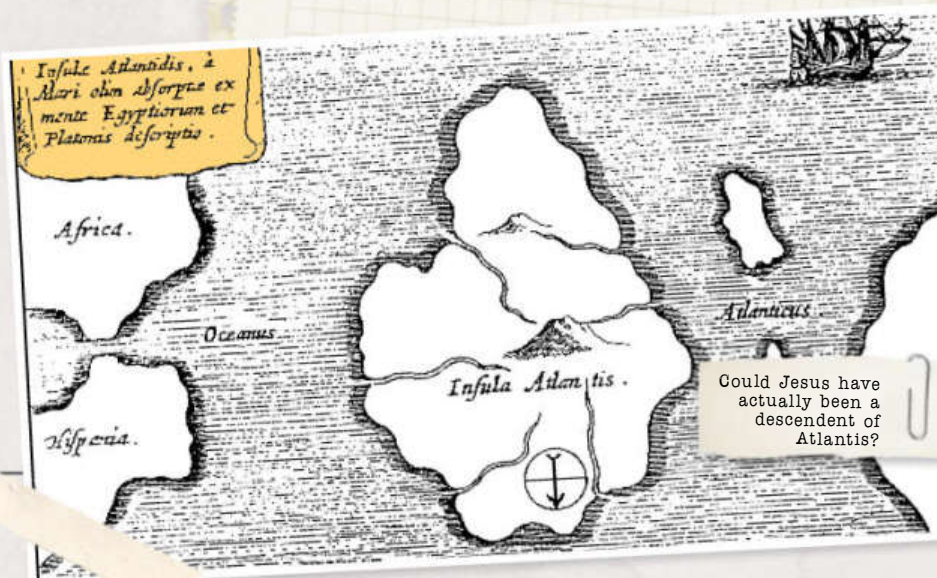
There is no doubt that the Church has the most to lose if the Holy Grail ever became widely recognised as the line of Christ. By encouraging the romantic interpretations of the Holy Grail, and by constantly suggesting the idea of Jesus’ birth and death being holy miracles, they safeguard their authority as derived from Godly favour. If it were ever known that the Christian faith was founded on a priestly hijacking of the power of the Hebrew kings, it would end in disaster for the Church.



Or could it have been...

The Atlanteans

It has been suggested that Jesus was not of the line of David at all, but actually the descendant of the high priests of Atlantis. Jesus’ revolutionary messages of love and acceptance for fellow humans is a direct throwback to his Atlantean teachings. His bloodline is holy because the people of Atlantis were genetically and spiritually advanced to a level never attained before or since, and the people who retain that heritage are still gifted with unusual powers and intelligence – Homo Superior. Frightened by the implications, jealous Homo Sapien priests and rulers killed Jesus, and the knowledge that the Holy Grail is the Homo Superior mutation has been suppressed ever since.



THE GUNPOWDER PLOT

A FAILED PLAN TO KILL A KING THAT HAS CEMENTED ITSELF INTO THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF EVERY BRITAIN



Remember remember the fifth of November – gunpowder, treason and plot. It seems as if every schoolchild grows up having to learn the famous phrase, but

few of them ever see beyond the fireworks and bonfires and think of it as the most famous political conspiracy in English history.

Given that the Gunpowder Plot was exposed before it was successfully completed, there is a tendency to view it as a failed conspiracy – one that has been fully investigated, resolved and consigned to the pages of dusty history books. However, some conspiriologists have nagging doubts over the whole matter and feel that the

Gunpowder Plot we are taught about as children is only the visible tip of a much larger conspiracy. The bare facts of the Plot are well known. Guy Fawkes was caught red-handed in a cellar underneath the Houses of Parliament the night before King James was due to preside over the State Opening of Parliament. His fellow conspirators were soon hunted down. Those who did not die resisting arrest were tried, found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Within a week of their trial they had all been hanged, drawn and quartered.

The accepted theory – usually the one you need to be deeply suspicious of – is that a small group of Catholic fanatics, working alone, planned to kill King James I, hoping in the confusion after his death that they would be able to put a Catholic on the throne of England. However, for many conspiracy buffs, those who were exposed and punished as conspirators were little more than the fall-guys for the true plotters whose aims may have had very little to do with restoring Catholicism to Britain.



The conspirators gather, but who was really pulling the strings?



Careful with that match! Was Guy Fawkes part of the Gunpowder Plot or just a classic conspiracy patsy?

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

One of the most significant aspects of the Gunpowder Plot is the spectacular nature of its failure. It seems incredible that any group of conspirators – especially a group as amateurish as the one led by Guy Fawkes – could have gained access to a cellar under the Houses of Parliament, smuggled in several tons of explosive undetected and then have been magically caught almost in the act of lighting the fuse. Incredible – unless there was another unseen level to the conspiracy.

SIMILARITIES

Two of the other major plots exposed during James I's reign that led to the downfall of Sir Walter Raleigh – the Main Plot and the Bye Plot – shared certain common elements with the Gunpowder Plot. They both failed, they were both uncovered at the last minute thanks to Cecil, and they both left the establishment and the King stronger and more firmly in place.

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officiers la maison du parlement en novembre 1605.



FACT OR FICTION?

On 28 December 1604, King James I attended the wedding of the Earl of Montgomery to Robert Cecil's niece. Among the other guests was Guy Fawkes. If Guy Fawkes was the Catholic fanatic painted by many historians, with a burning desire to murder James I, then why did he not simply bring a knife to the wedding and attempt a more straightforward assassination? It seems more than a little strange that three of the key figures of the Gunpowder Plot were attending the same wedding.

IS THERE MORE?

Sometimes the official explanation is not only obvious but also correct. Catholic countries, such as France and Spain, certainly had an interest in destabilising England and were known to work via underground networks of priests to ferment unrest. Maybe this is one conspiracy that really is as simple as it seems.

The main suspects

Robert Cecil, Earl of Salisbury

Cecil was England's spymaster and his speciality was uncovering plots – or, as some suspect, uncovering plots that he had set up in an attempt to frame enemies of the state and make himself look good. Cecil had met Guy Fawkes' main co-conspirator Robert Catesby previously, when he had uncovered the Essex plot and spared Catesby from execution. Conspiraciologists believe that Catesby was recruited by Cecil as a double-agent to operate a plot that would be uncovered at the last minute, boosting not only Cecil's prestige but allowing for a ruthless crackdown on Catholics.



The English Nobility

When James was crowned King of England in 1603 he united two countries that had been at war far more often than they had been at peace. It is inconceivable that this unification could happen without upsetting plenty of people – as soon as James arrived in London he began appointing Scottish nobles to positions of power. Among the displaced English nobles were members of the mystical order known as Meonia – including Sir Walter Raleigh – who were known to have links with some Gunpowder Plot conspirators, including Robert Catesby and Thomas Wintour.

Or could it have been...

The Tobacco Lobby

Sir Walter Raleigh had first introduced tobacco from the New World a generation earlier and the fashion for smoking it had spread like wildfire throughout England – making some merchants who dealt in tobacco very rich indeed. One of the few men who had not succumbed to the demon weed was James I, who published his famous rant *A Counterblaste To Tobacco*. There was a rumour that the King was intending to introduce a series of punitive taxes on tobacco to raise some much-needed cash. If these had been introduced they would have seriously damaged the financial interests of several powerful people in England and Virginia, so the Gunpowder Plot may have been one of the first times that big business decided to flex its muscles.

The Scottish Nobility

James I of England was also James VI of Scotland, and Scotland, at this point in history, was as torn apart with plots and treason as dramatic as any soap opera plot could ever become. Plots, conspiracies and assassinations were commonplace and one of the most favoured ways of disposing of an enemy or rival was death by explosion. James I's father had been killed by this method and the King himself had ordered the destruction of his enemies be carried out with explosives. James had plenty of enemies in his home country who wanted him out of the way and would not have minded the Catholics taking the blame.



"IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT THIS UNIFICATION COULD HAPPEN WITHOUT UPSETTING PEOPLE"

STONEHENGE

THE CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION OF THIS ENGLISH LANDMARK HAS BAFFLED PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES



Standing alone and majestic as a reminder of long-lost civilisations, the ruins of Stonehenge present an enigma to which there will probably never be

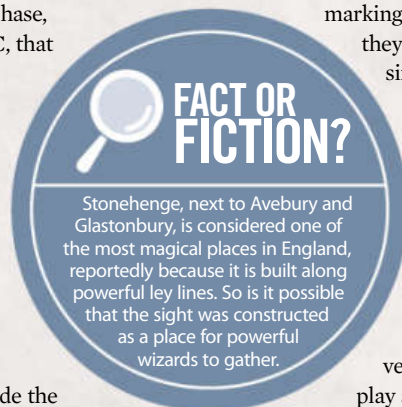
a definitive answer. There is no dispute that Stonehenge is a Neolithic architectural marvel, but its true purpose remains totally hidden. Stonehenge continues to stand in a modern world over-run with cell phones, satellites, and trans-Atlantic air travel, as a primitive testament to the ingenuity of early man.

Located about 80 miles from London, near Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge is thought to have been constructed in three phases about 3500BC. It was in the third phase, thought to be around 1800BC, that the giant stone monoliths we associate with Stonehenge were transported to the site. These sarsen (an extremely hard type of sandstone) blocks were molded and lifted into 30 upright stones with accompanying lintels, set in a circle (17 of the original 30 are still standing today). Other stone designs were set in place inside the structure, including five triathlons (a pair of upright stones supporting a lintel stone). There is also a rectangular arrangement of

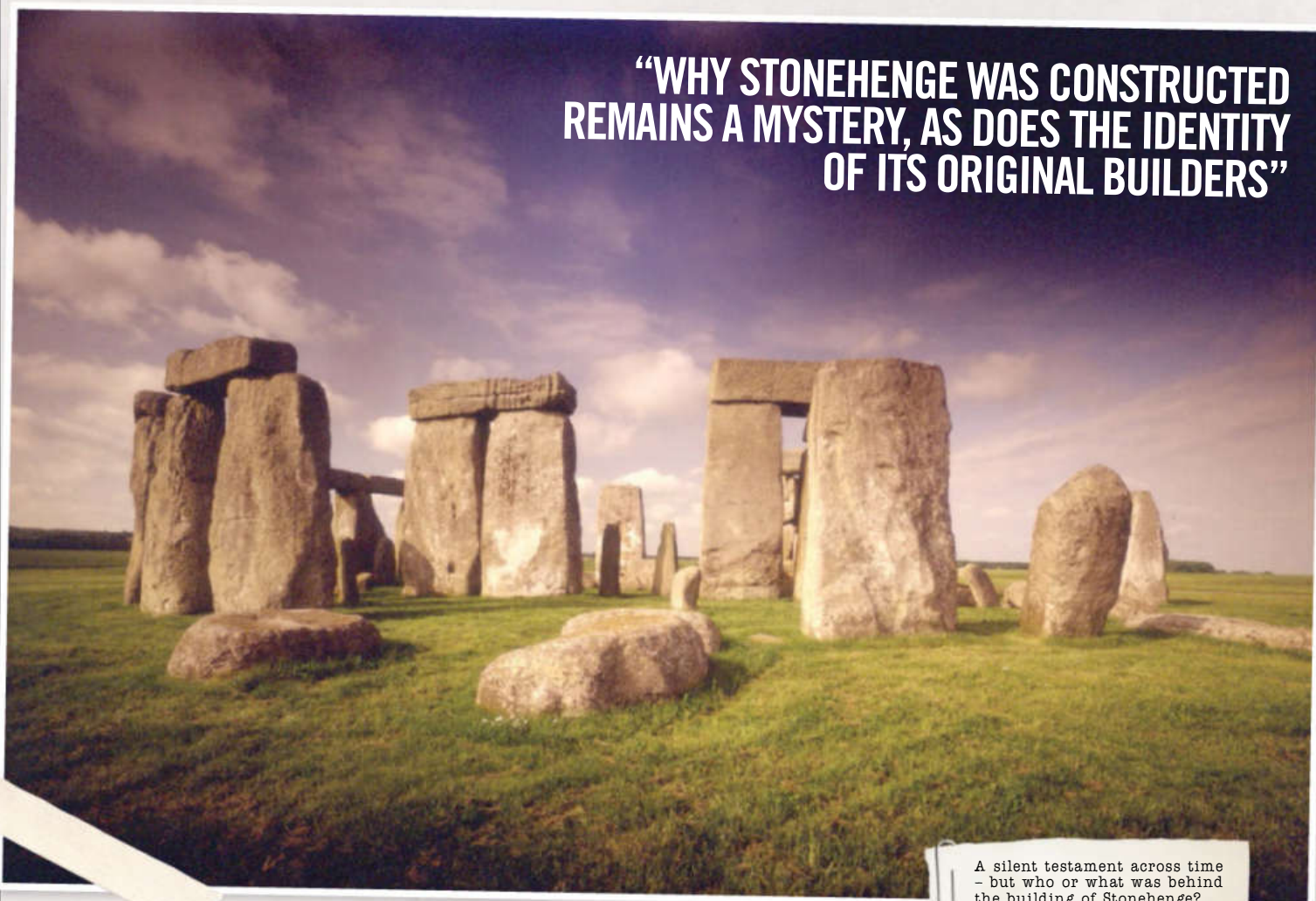
“station stones” situated outside the ring. Stonehenge is a focal religious point for Druids, who perform ceremonies there to this day, marking the summer solstice. But

they did not build the monument, since Stonehenge’s creation pre-dates the founding of the Druidic religion.

Why Stonehenge was constructed remains a mystery, as does the identity of its original builders. Whatever prompted its construction, it’s clear that Stonehenge was very important – it may still play a role in man’s sophisticated world today. Perhaps the supposed “primitive” builders knew something we have forgotten, much to our peril.



“WHY STONEHENGE WAS CONSTRUCTED REMAINS A MYSTERY, AS DOES THE IDENTITY OF ITS ORIGINAL BUILDERS”



A silent testament across time – but who or what was behind the building of Stonehenge?



The locations and placement of stones could have a deep religious meaning.



The main suspects



The Beakers

A Neolithic people named after the type of pottery they produced, the Beakers have been thought to have begun the construction of Stonehenge. As the years passed, the monument's use may have varied from generation to generation. It has been suggested that it may have been used simply to hold animals, with a religious ceremony involved either in the slaughtering of livestock or in thanksgiving. Over time, Stonehenge's role as a religious centre may have intensified with the original holding pen design of the site merely kept on in its new role as a holy temple.

The Egyptians

Stonehenge could also have been designed with astronomy in mind – the positioning of the stones correlating to the positions of the Sun, Moon and stars throughout the year. Others believe that the axis of Stonehenge is built to correspond to the path of the sun, and that by using the Aubrey holes it is possible to predict eclipses. Such a focus on astronomy points towards the advanced Egyptians, who may have travelled to England in the distant past.

Or could it have been...

Merlin

The Arthurian Magus may have erected Stonehenge, either for his own personal study of the heavens, or as a coronation site for the young king Arthur. He would have moved the stones into position using magic, presumably of the levitating sort.

Ancient astronauts

Stonehenge may have been built by ancient, extraterrestrial visitors as a visible landing site/landmark, or may have been built by primitive man to honour the beings from the stars.



CONSTRUCTION

The mechanisms by which the stones were moved have intrigued archaeologists and historians, considering the primitive level of technology at the time. The bluestones are thought to have come from the Prescelly Mountains in Wales – over 200 miles away. The sarsen stones originated from the relatively nearby Marlborough Downs – but at 25 tons per stone, the 20-mile distance is still formidable. Yet with all the work that went into Stonehenge's construction, archaeologists have found little detritus around the site. Most ancient construction sites are a potpourri of discarded materials. By contrast, Stonehenge is remarkably – perhaps suspiciously – clean.

PLACE OF WORSHIP

Stonehenge shares at least two significant elements with other places of worship, including several European cathedrals. First, it has an underwater spring running beneath it, which is taken as a sign of divinity in many faiths. Secondly, in a more mathematical sense, the square root of three can be found as a recurring proportion in its construction. This too is found in many places of worship, from Europe to Egypt.

Also suspected...

Could the Ancient Greeks, the Phoenicians, The Atlanteans, giants, dwarves or energy vortexes have been behind the creation of Stonehenge?

Was the construction of Stonehenge down to Ancient Greeks?



CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE

COULD ONE OF ENGLAND'S GREATEST PLAYWRIGHTS HAVE LED A DOUBLE LIFE AS A SPY?



The legendary Doctor Faustus.

Fate can play cruel tricks on the gifted and Christopher Marlowe (1564–93) was undoubtedly gifted. At one time he was England's leading playwright,

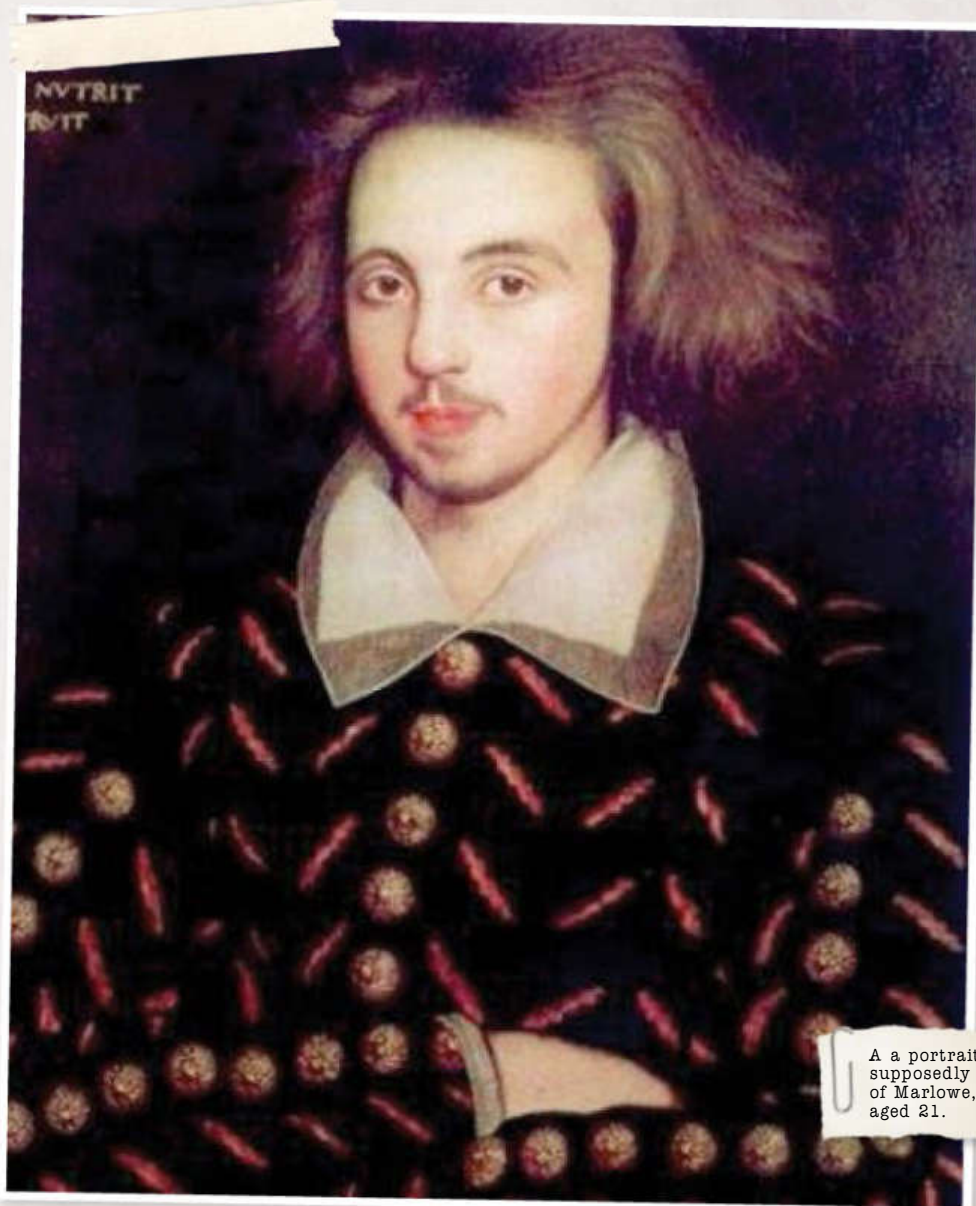
thanks to such works as *Doctor Faustus*. If the

hand of history had dealt more kindly with him it is unlikely that this giant of the Elizabethan theatre would ever have been overshadowed by that relative upstart Shakespeare.

Marlowe was much more than just a talented writer. In his short but tempestuous life he experienced both wealth and poverty, was tried and briefly imprisoned and managed to kill a man in a brawl. Marlowe met an untimely end when he was stabbed in the eye in a Deptford tavern. The official story is that he was killed as the result of an argument over an unpaid bill, but conspiracy theorists never pay too much attention to the official version. There is another side to Marlowe. He was a spy.

England in the 16th Century was a turbulent place. The country was troubled by enemies at home and abroad. The defeat of the Spanish Armada had ended the King of Spain's plans for a purely military conquest of the country, so he turned to espionage and began attacking England by more subtle means. The internal threat centred on religion. For many years there had been conflict between Protestants and Catholics, with prominent figures on both sides dying at the stake. Although the official attitude in 1593 was toleration, there was an active and dangerous Catholic underground with strong links to foreign powers.

To counter these threats it was necessary for the English crown to operate an efficient counter-espionage system. Elizabeth I's spymaster was Francis Walsingham, who recruited Marlowe at Cambridge University (for generations afterwards Cambridge remained a fertile breeding ground for spies and double agents). Marlowe's public profile and wide network of connections made him a useful agent. He infiltrated many secret societies and organisations while performing this role.



A portrait supposedly of Marlowe, aged 21.

Given his secret life, his murder may not have been the simple affair it has been portrayed as. The question remains in many people's minds – was Marlowe killed to end the career of one of Elizabethan England's equivalents of James Bond?

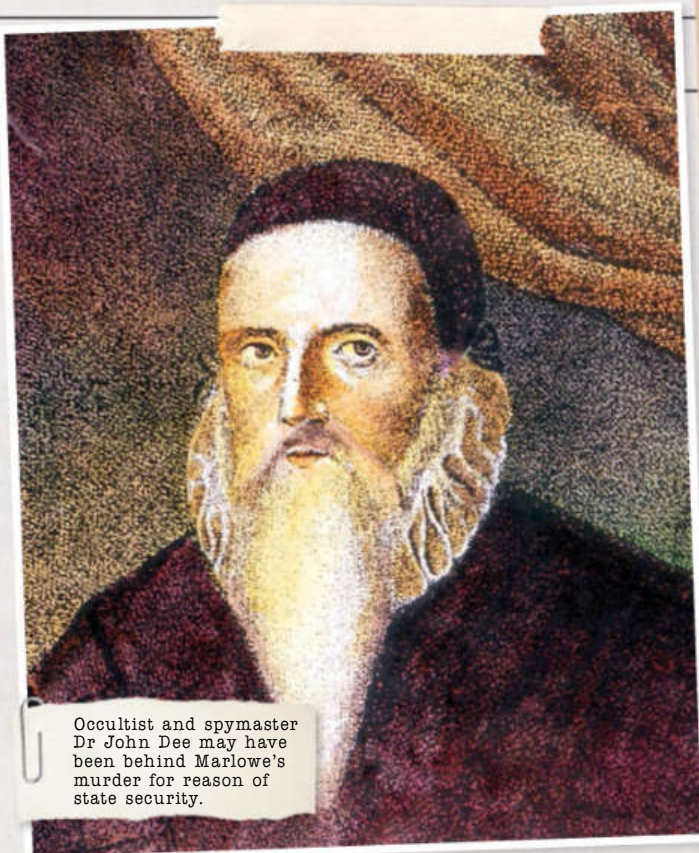
A DEADLY GRUDGE

Fierce argument rages over whether Marlowe was killed by England's enemies, by its defenders or by some other clandestine organisation with a grudge against him. It is strange to say the least, that although he was stabbed in a crowded

tavern, no witnesses ever came forward and no one was ever punished for the murder.

SECRET SPY

Marlowe's arrest, under the pretext that he had murdered a man, provides strong evidence to support the idea that he was a spy. Even though it was a trumped-up charge used to detain him, the fact that he had the power and influence to be acquitted quickly suggests that he had friends in very high places – or that he bought his freedom by switching sides and becoming a double-agent.



Occultist and spymaster Dr John Dee may have been behind Marlowe's murder for reason of state security.

TROUBLEMAKER

Spies shun the light and when they assassinate people they do it in dark alleys and not crowded taverns. Failing to pay your bar bill or clear your gambling debts tends to cause offence even if you are a spy. Marlowe had a talent for getting himself into trouble and it's quite feasible that he could have got himself involved in a fatal fight thanks to an overuse of clever words and irony – a faux pas that is still punishable with physical violence in some English pubs today.

“ARGUMENT RAGES OVER WHETHER MARLOWE WAS KILLED BY ENGLAND’S ENEMIES, BY ITS DEFENDERS OR BY SOME OTHER CLANDESTINE ORGANISATION”



FACT OR FICTION?

The threat of having an eye plucked out if you betray your colleagues forms the part of the initiation oath into several secret orders – including the higher ranks of Templars and Freemasons – so it is more than a little odd that Marlowe was killed by a stabbing to the eye. The nature of his death may point towards it being a ritualistic murder, and maybe it was meant as a message to anyone who had thoughts about breaking the rules.

The main suspects

Dr John Dee

After Walsingham died in 1590, Britain's top spymaster was Dr John Dee. When not running England's cloak-and-dagger activity, Dee dabbled in astrology, necromancy, contacting angels and alchemy. The transmuting of base metals into gold is a neat way of explaining the funds that passed through his hands and were provided by various paymasters. The doctor was not over-troubled by scruples and if he felt that Marlowe had become a double-agent, he certainly would have had no problems having him silenced permanently.

Spanish secret agents

Marlowe may have been involved in an elaborate attempt to infiltrate the Catholic underground and thwart the plans of the Spanish spies who were working through it in England. By posing as a double-agent he may have been attempting to gain their confidence and secrets. If he was exposed, they would certainly have had reasons for wanting to take their revenge and prevent him from passing on any information he had obtained.



Or could it have been...

William Shakespeare

The theatre can be a cut-throat business and in the days before copyright and Arts Council funding a great many bitter feuds developed between playwrights. Shakespeare was a member of the School of Night – a shadowy organisation that included spies, writers and representatives of the aristocracy among its ranks – and certainly had the connections to arrange for the elimination of one of his main literary rivals.



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The Masons

Among the many secret societies that were flourishing in Elizabethan England were the Freemasons. It has long been suspected that Marlowe drew on Masonic imagery in his plays and was almost certainly a member of the order. While being a Mason probably helped to advance his career as a playwright, it would also have given him access to insider information in his role of spy. Marlowe may have made the foolish mistake of breaking his oath of secrecy to the organisation. His murder may have been the consequence of underestimating just how much Masons value silence.

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

ONE OF HISTORY'S GREATEST COMPOSERS DIED PENNILESS, WAS THERE A CONSPIRACY AGAINST HIM?



Genius may bring its blessings, but it also brings its fair share of enemies. No one knew this more than the brilliant composer Wolfgang Amadeus

Mozart. A child prodigy by the age of five, his musical gifts brought him more pain than joy. While his work is heralded today as the finest that classical music can offer, in his time he was openly reviled, with several of his contemporaries plotting his destruction. History may have given him fame but in his lifetime he knew no such comfort. Mozart, perhaps the

greatest composer ever known, died penniless, his remains buried unceremoniously in a common grave in Vienna.

Born in Salzburg, Austria in January 1756, Mozart quickly displayed his musical gifts: by the age of four, his father had arranged harpsichord lessons for him; by five, he was composing his own music; by the time he was six, his father took the young Mozart on a performance tour of Vienna and Munich. By the time he was 15, he was concertmaster of the Archbishop of Salzburg's orchestra. The future seemed to belong to the extremely gifted young man.

But there were personality conflicts between the Archbishop and Mozart – the fact that Mozart wasn't paid for three years may have been one reason. In 1781, he left the prestigious (but poorly paid) position and went to seek his fortune in Vienna. There, the poor relationship he had had with the Salzburg court continued with the Viennese composers. This became so bad that Mozart's father complained to Emperor Joseph II that the other composers were deliberately ensuring that a composition of his son's was not being performed.

Yet Mozart persevered, despite his difficulty in getting paid and his inability to spend money wisely. His marriage to Constanze Weber was fraught with financial difficulties and tragedy – of their six children, only two survived

past childhood. Mozart was not a favourite with the Viennese court, and his work received lukewarm response from the public, if it was played at all. By 1790, Mozart's debts were staggering, and his health was extremely fragile. The following year, he was secretly commissioned, by a mysterious stranger, to compose a Requiem. After finishing writing *The Magic Flute*, Mozart threw himself obsessively into writing this mournful piece. But fate (or a force more sinister) intervened, and Wolfgang

Amadeus Mozart died on 5 December 1791 in Vienna; the Requiem was unfinished and the stranger who commissioned it disappeared into the shadows of time. Mozart was only 35.

THE STRANGER

The identity of the stranger who commissioned Mozart's final work has never been revealed. Theories point to an anonymous woman in black or to a man dressed all in grey. No one ever came forward to admit to commissioning the Requiem. Mozart was obsessed with the piece, and many feel that this obsession drove him to his death.

MEDICAL CONFUSION

While "miliary fever" was diagnosed as the cause of Mozart's death, the truth was that the attending doctors were unsure why he died. He suffered a range of unconnected complaints, from toothaches to lethargy, but nothing pointed conclusively to one cause of death or another. The official diagnosis of "miliary fever" was perhaps nothing more than a face-saving way for the doctors to say they simply didn't know.

FLAWED THEORIES

Mozart was a sickly man almost from birth, plagued with one ailment after another. The question isn't why he died when he died, but why he didn't succumb sooner. Modern physicians have suggested he died of uremia caused by kidney disease. As for jealous rivals, why murder a man whose work rarely played?



Mozart was initiated into a Viennese Masonic Lodge at the age of 18, with his father joining shortly thereafter. Curiously, despite the connection, Mozart was denied membership to the Viennese Society of Musicians. Also interesting to note was that his last public performance was a cantata for the dedication of his Masonic Lodge's new temple. Could it be that the Freemasons were behind his final commission, and therefore responsible for the death of one of their own?

Rock me Amadeus!
Mozart was an unparalleled musical genius, Freemason and a man with many enemies.



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A commemorative plaque in the Czech Republic, Mozart's music was appreciated across the globe.



A jealous rival of Mozart, Salieri was a powerful intriguer at the court of Emperor Joseph II.

The main suspects

Antonio Salieri

A court composer, it has been widely rumoured (and even cited as fact in the film *Amadeus*) that Salieri was terribly jealous of Mozart's gifts and upset by his ribald way of life. Salieri may have commissioned the deadly Requiem himself, knowing full well Mozart's fragile health and the cost the work would exact upon him. He may have felt that with Mozart dead his own work would receive the attention he felt it deserved.



Count von Walsegg zu Stuppach

The Count was an amateur musician who may have wanted more glory than his talent would allow. The theory runs that the Count disguised himself as the mysterious stranger, hoping to pass off the finished Requiem Mass as his own work. To ensure that Mozart would not dispute this, he planned to have Mozart poisoned.

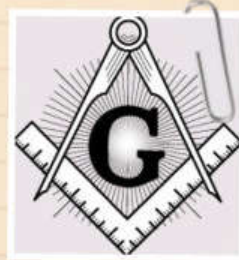
Unknown Viennese composers

Mozart's work easily outshone the work of his contemporaries: Handel himself said that Mozart was the greatest composer that had ever lived. However, with Mozart's hit-and-miss approach to success, coupled with the cut-throat world of court commissions and appointments, perhaps someone simply decided to even the field a bit. If Mozart's health had been better and if he had learned to manage his life better, he would have been unstoppable.

Or could it have been...

The Masons

Mozart was a Freemason, but his dissolute lifestyle may have been considered a liability they no longer wanted to suffer. It is also rumoured that they were none too happy with his Masonic-inspired opera *The Magic Flute* for giving away one too many of their secrets.



Disgruntled Black Magician in the Court of Emperor Joseph

A story survives of an army general in Joseph's court complaining about Mozart's lack of court decorum to the Emperor. The Emperor replied that he could get a general any time he wished, but he would never get another Mozart. This could have led to someone in the court using black magic to kill Mozart, leading to the confusion among doctors concerning his death.

"THE REQUIEM WAS UNFINISHED AND THE STRANGER WHO COMMISSIONED IT DISAPPEARED INTO THE SHADOWS OF TIME"

RASPUTIN

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE MAN WHO CONTROLLED THE RUSSIAN ROYAL FAMILY, AND HIS UNTIMELY DEMISE



psychic-healer-and-fortune-teller Grigori

The Russian Royal Family at the turn of the 20th Century was completely dominated by the charismatic power of a defrocked monk-turned-

Yefimovich, known as Rasputin. The former holy man possessed the power to maintain the health of the Tsar's son, Alexei, who was dangerously anaemic. The hold this gave him over the Russian Royal Family is well documented, and Rasputin used his influence to great personal gain.

That the "Mad Monk" greatly destabilised the Russian imperial government is a matter of historical fact. He used his influence to put his followers in positions of power

and authority, demanded extortionate bribes in return for persuading the Tsarina Alexandra, the Empress, to favour certain courtiers, business people or plans of action, and charged great sums for dispensing his "healing" among the lesser nobility. He was already a national scandal by 1911, and by 1915 had become the Tsarina's chief advisor.

He also had a voracious sexual appetite, and would frequently demand sexual intercourse from both men and women as part of the payment for his services – often insisting that he sleep with the teenage child of a supplicant, if such were available. He also had no end of groupies available, partly because of his power, and partly because of his rumoured abilities in the bedroom. His exploits outraged the general public, but the Royal Family was totally under his spell. Reports from the time suggest that his powers of healing and precognition were both entirely genuine. Letters from Alexandra to Rasputin also hint that he was having an affair with her.

Finally, a cabal of Russian nobles decided Rasputin's influence was corrupting the state, and that he had to die. Led by Prince Felix Yusupov, the cabal lured the healer to a private party hosted by Yusupov, where he was murdered, on 30 December 1916. It was too late to save the reputation of the Royal Family, and shortly afterwards the revolution swept away the old order.

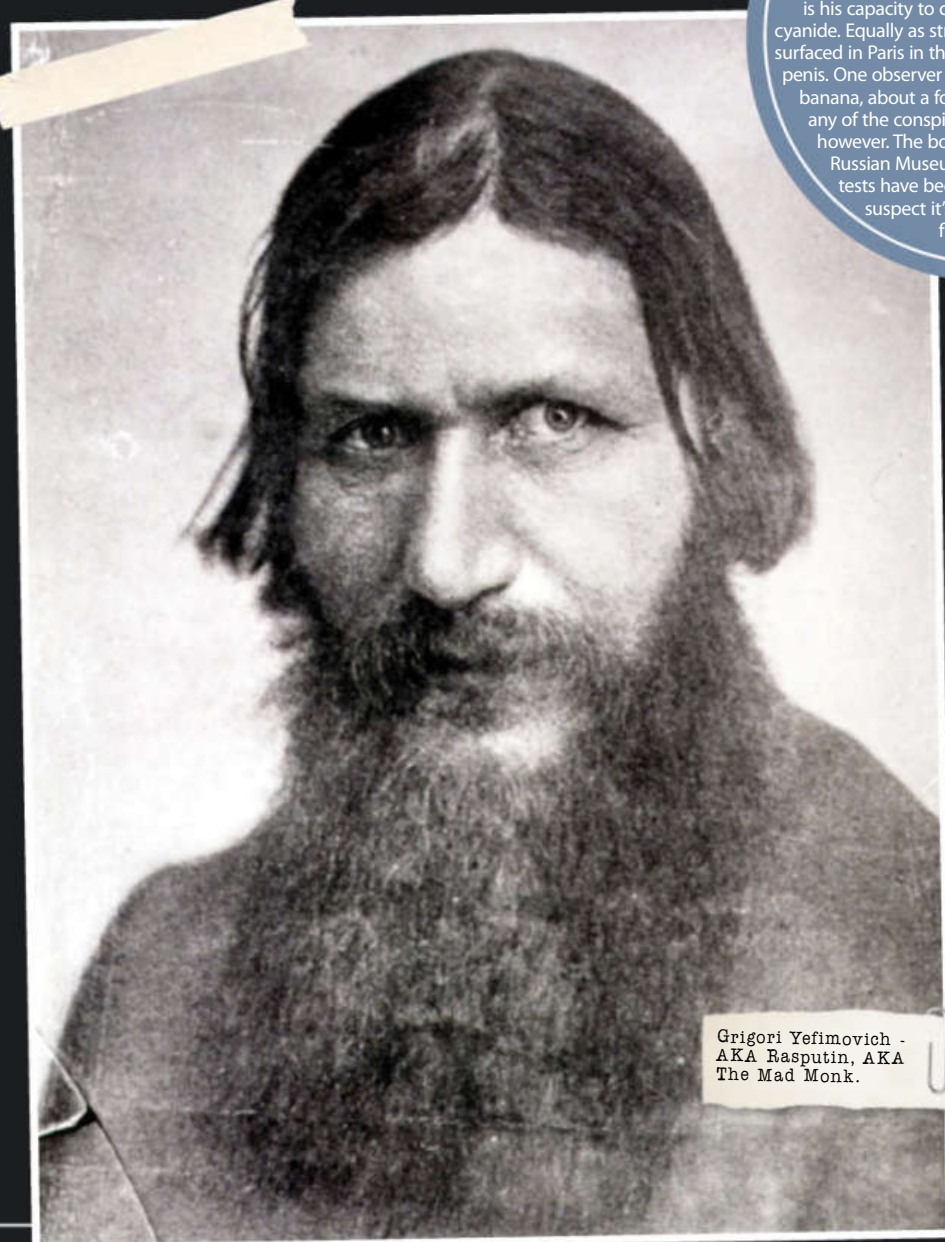
INVINCIBILITY

The tale of Rasputin's death certainly lends credence to his healing powers. Arriving at the party, the holy man was placed in front of a banquet laced with enough cyanide to kill a dozen normal men. One conspirator, a medical doctor called Lazovet, prepared the poisoned food. Rasputin became suspicious that Yusupov was not eating. When the monk failed to show any ill effects from his feast, the Prince panicked, and shot him at close range. He was also shot by Grand Duke Pavlovich, the Tsar's nephew.



FACT OR FICTION?

Perhaps the oddest feat of Rasputin's survival is his capacity to consume such a huge dose of cyanide. Equally as strange, though, is an artefact that surfaced in Paris in the Sixties – Rasputin's mummified penis. One observer described it as "like a blackened banana, about a foot long". There is no record of any of the conspirators castrating their victim, however. The body part was featured in the Russian Museum of Erotica, however no tests have been carried out and many suspect it's more likely to come from a horse.



Grigori Yefimovich -
AKA Rasputin, AKA
The Mad Monk.



Rasputin pictured with his children. They didn't appear to have inherited his immortality.

Enraged but still seemingly mobile, Rasputin chased Yusupov out of the house and into the courtyard, where a gang of conspirators beat him to a bloody pulp with hefty iron chains. Dr Lazovert examined the monk, and declared him to be alive, so they wrapped him in the chains and dumped him in a hole cut into the ice of the River Neva.

FIGHTING DEATH

Rasputin's frozen corpse was finally retrieved several miles down-river from where it had been dumped. He had shaken loose of his chains, and had been trying to claw his way out of the ice from the inside when he had finally succumbed – after having been totally submerged in freezing water for at least six hours.

MAN OR MACHINE?

It is just about possible that the poison was old and ineffective, that the gunshots failed to hit any vital organs, that the beating was mostly surface damage, and even that the cold of the river Neva slowed tissue damage from oxygen starvation so much that Rasputin was able to revive for long enough to lock his fingers in the ice. But if he was so precognitive, why did he not foretell the danger of taking Yusupov up on his invitation?

The main suspects

spiritual Avatar

Perhaps the most common theory is that Rasputin genuinely did possess the healing and precognitive powers that history has granted to him, including the ability to mesmerise women. He used these powers to gain his position of authority, and it was this that led to his being murdered. The powers were derived from the fact that Rasputin was in fact a spiritual avatar or genuine saint.

St Germain

Rasputin was in fact the immortal known to medieval Europe as the Count de St Germain, smoothing the way for the Russian revolution so that history could follow its proper course. When he found himself stuck in the water and unable to tunnel out, Rasputin/St Germain decided that the best course of action was to feign death and lie low. He was dug out of the Neva by the conspirators, and hastily buried. From a shallow grave, he found it relatively easy to tunnel out. His enemies were certain he was dead, so he was free to make his escape. Rumour suggests that St Germain may now be in Los Angeles, having spent the Eighties in Eastern Europe bringing Communism to an end.



Or could it have been...

Alien invader

Rasputin's unnatural vitality was not a result of psychic ability at all. The healer was actually an alien, a rogue member of a small exploration team who decided to indulge himself in a few years of orgiastic amusement. Because his physiology was different to ours, the assassination was almost ineffective. In the end, it was lack of exposure to direct sunlight that killed him, not the low temperature or lack of oxygen.

“HE USED THESE POWERS TO GAIN HIS POSITION OF AUTHORITY, AND IT WAS THIS THAT LED TO HIS BEING MURDERED”

Rasputin's body was dumped into the river from this bridge, yet it seems as though he still fought death for some time.



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JACK THE RIPPER

WHO WAS BEHIND THE KILLINGS THAT TERRIFIED A NATION AND REMAINS UNSOLVED TO THIS DAY?



The mystery surrounding the Jack the Ripper murders in 1888 has fascinated and tantalised criminologists, conspiracy buffs and Hollywood producers for more than a hundred

years. Theories and counter-theories have arisen, mutually exclusive “authentic” diaries, confessions and notebooks have been discovered and published. It is doubtful whether anyone will ever be able to provide a definite answer.

On Friday 31 August 1888, Mary Ann “Polly” Nichols was murdered. Her death was followed by that of Annie Chapman on Saturday 8 September, then by Catherine Eddowes and Elizabeth Stride on Sunday 30 September, and Mary Kelly on Friday 9 November. Their throats were cut and their bodies mutilated; the internal organs were often removed with surgical precision and carried away from the scene of the crime. Mary Kelly, who was three months pregnant, was found naked, with her clothes piled tidily on a chair nearby. It is also possible that there was an earlier victim – Martha Tabram, who was murdered on Tuesday, 7 August. Elizabeth Stride may not have been killed by the Ripper. All six women were prostitutes in

the East End of London. Some commentators add three more women to this total.

The Ripper used a fairly consistent modus operandi. When the victim lifted her skirt she was grabbed and throttled to unconsciousness, then laid on the ground. Once the woman was lying down, her throat was cut, and in most cases one of the victim’s internal organs was removed, presumably as a trophy. The degree of precision exhibited in this procedure suggests that the Ripper had medical training; in one instance, a kidney was removed frontally, without damaging any of the other organs.

This would require some skill in an operating theatre, and would be very hard indeed at night, in the dark, under the pressure of being in a public place with the corpse of someone you have just murdered.



Mary Kelly, final victim of Jack the Ripper.

The mortuary photo of Ripper victim Mary Ann Nichols.



Scotland Yard’s files show that two notes were received by the Central News Agency from a person claiming to be the Ripper, one entitled “Dear Boss”, and the other “from Hell”. Both were strangely written, and took a boastfully gloating tone. Most researchers into the matter doubt that either were actually written by the murderer. A chunk of diseased kidney was also sent to a Whitechapel vigilance committee with a letter that claimed the organ was from Catherine Eddowes. While there was no way of knowing for certain, the damage to the kidney was consistent with the effects of the particular disease from which Eddowes suffered.

A MESSAGE

On the night of 30 September, police officers found a piece of Catharine Eddowes’ apron that the Ripper had used to wipe his knife. This

was very close to a doorway over which the message "The Juwes are the men That Will not be blamed for nothing" had been written. Senior police officers felt this would spark anti-Semitic riots in London and throughout the country, so erased the message. The odd phraseology and strange spelling has sparked suggestions that it was actually a Masonic message, and the police erased it to hide the fact.

ALBERT

In 1970, Dr Thomas Stowell claimed to have found documents that showed Prince Albert's doctor William Gull was seen more than once in the Whitechapel area on the nights of the murders. They also detailed how policemen and a medium had visited Gull to make enquiries and that Gull had confessed. Stowell believed this was a brave attempt to protect the real Ripper – the insane, syphilitic Prince Albert Victor.



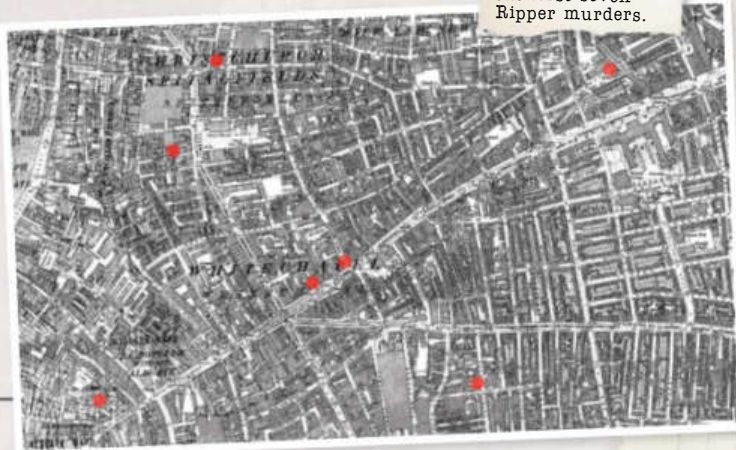
FACT OR FICTION?

When Stowell's claim found widespread attention he tried to retract his evidence and denied that he had implicated Prince Albert. However, Stowell died before his retraction could be printed and his family immediately burnt his notes and papers before his claims could be verified. They also burnt all evidence relating to Stowell's career as a Freemason. It may be a coincidence, but he died on November 9, 1970, the anniversary of Mary Kelly's death.

A TRUE NIGHTMARE

Jack the Ripper has become an archetypal nightmare figure and moved beyond the realms of unexplained murderer into Legend of the Night. A whole myth-making industry has grown up around the case, which is served by distorting the facts and lengthening the shadows. Given this, it is not surprising that conspiracy theories continue to proliferate and yet still fail to find a truly convincing solution to possibly the world's most famous unsolved crime.

A map of Whitechapel shows the locations of the first seven Ripper murders.



The main suspects

Prince Albert Victor

The grandson of Queen Victoria, Prince Albert Victor (known as "Eddy") was a mentally subnormal youth, described by one royal commentator at the time as "a gleaming goldfish in a crystal bowl". Eddy seems likely to have been an occasional homosexual – a criminal offence in Britain at the time – and died in 1892. Rumours suggested the cause of death was syphilis. His madness is supposed to have been the spur that led him to murder prostitutes, and fear of scandal led to a conspiracy hushing up the Prince's guilt. An alternative theory suggests that he may have got one of the prostitutes pregnant. When she tried to blackmail the government, she and her friends were killed by royal agents in a manner that would distract investigators from the real reason for the deaths.



Dr Francis Tumblety

An American doctor, Tumblety was strongly suspected by John Littlechild, head of the Secret Department at Scotland Yard during the investigations. The doctor fled back to the USA, and Scotland Yard sent detectives to interview him.

Or could it have been...

Dr Roslyn D'Onston Stephenson

A heavy-drinking occultist who went to the police with his own theory to explain the Ripper and his murders, the doctor ended up becoming a suspect himself in some theorists' eyes due to the discovery made by author Mabel Collins in 1890 while cohabiting with Stephenson. She claims to have found seven bloodstained ties used in the murders. This possible evidence ended up with England's most famous occultist Aleister Crowley after he obtained them from Mabel's lover, Vittoria Cremer.



Interdimensional invader

Victorian London was also plagued with another notorious Jack – Spring-Heeled Jack. This strange figure, wearing armour, cloak and a helmet, could allegedly jump over buildings. He was seen by hundreds of witnesses and hunted for by a vigilante force led by none other than England's most famous soldier Wellington. Some feel that Spring-Heeled Jack was an interdimensional invader and the true Ripper.

"HE WAS SEEN BY HUNDREDS OF WITNESSES AND HUNTED FOR BY A VIGILANTE FORCE"

HITLER

WAS ONE OF HISTORY'S MOST EVIL UNDER THE CONTROL OF SATANIC FORCES?



Nobody is in any doubt that Adolf Hitler, leader of the Nazi party, was one of the most evil and dangerous men to have come to power in all of human history. The

legacy of death and suffering that he left behind him is staggering. Approximately 6 million Jews were slaughtered, primarily in death camps, as part of his "Final Solution" – almost two thirds of their world population. It is also important to remember he murdered a large proportion of Europe's population of gypsies, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses and Socialists.

During World War II, some 60 million soldiers were mobilised across Europe, the Americas, Russia and the Far East. Almost a third of them were killed. The total death toll for the war has been estimated around 52 million people – 18 million soldiers, 16 million civilians killed in military action, and 18 million people murdered in the death camps. Hitler lurked behind all this death, the lynch-pin of the entire war. These facts are horrific enough that surely no conspiracy can compete – but there are suggestions that Hitler's ultimate goal was not to unite Europe under his rule at all, but simply to cause widespread death to appease his Satanic masters.

The Brotherhood of Death is the name given to a rumoured world-wide coalition of primarily Satanic organisations. Each organisation has, as its logo, the skull and two crossed bones, the emblem we associate with pirates. The German branch of the Brotherhood of Death was allegedly the Thule Gesellschaft, or Thule Society. Centred on a semi-mythical land from ancient times, the legend of Thule shares certain features with that of Atlantis. The land of Thule is supposed to have been the cradle of the Aryan race.



Adolf Hitler, Chancellor of Germany, is welcomed by supporters at Nuremberg in 1933.

“THE THULE SOCIETY WAS ABLE TO MANIPULATE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE AND BRING THE NAZI PARTY TO PROMINENCE”

In 1919, disgusted by the way that the German government had “thrown away” World War I, Hitler joined the Thule Society, which at that time was led by

Dietrich Eckart. When the Brotherhood of Death began their ambitious plan to reshape society in a more controllable form, their end goal was the surveillance and monitoring of an increasingly isolated and malleable population. Europe was identified as a potential flash-point for a useful war. Germany, having just lost a major war, was ripe for destabilisation, and Hitler, whom Eckart believed to be the Antichrist, was chosen as the obvious leader to initiate the gigantic conflict and death required. This would

scar the human psyche so deeply that people would become paranoid and withdrawn, and once isolated they could be manipulated into giving up autonomy to the Brotherhood and its evil masters.

The Brotherhood of Death believed firmly that contact with ancient powers of spiritual evil – the Devil – was not only attainable but very desirable, and that by following the dictates of their master, they could achieve great earthly power. They used sexual perversions and practices to fuel their magical operations, which made their spells and rituals phenomenally powerful and opened channels of communication to the forces of evil.

By tapping the power of evil, the Thule Society was able to manipulate the consciousness of the German people and bring the Nazi party to prominence. By appealing to the basic human psychological programmes of hatred, fear and greed, the Nazi party was able to divert the current of evil into the minds of usually decent people, and foster the political climate that led



FACT OR FICTION?

The USA too has a society with the logo of the Brotherhood of Death – Yale's Skull and Bones society, rumoured to have been started in the 1800s as a US lodge of a German university-based society. President George Bush Snr belonged to this group, as did many important figures in American society and political circles. Although no one's claiming there are links between that society and the Nazi Party, it certainly raises the question of the symbolism of the skull and cross bones.

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to Hitler's rise. Once he was in power, it was frighteningly simple to steer the world into a gigantic war, with the death camps providing the incredible amounts of magical energy needed to change human consciousness forever.

BLACK MAGIC

Eckart's final act was said to be Hitler's initiation through an astonishingly sadistic black magic ritual that left the Nazi leader impotent. From then on, Hitler was forced to seek sexual fulfilment through sadomasochistic release, and it was this blow that indirectly forced him into becoming the greatest monster we have seen for over 100 years.

A JOB WELL DONE

On his deathbed, Dietrich Eckart is said to have announced: "Follow Hitler; he will dance, but it is I who have called the tune. I have initiated him into the Secret Doctrine, opened his centres of vision, and given him the means to

communicate with the powers." Given that society continues to get more fragmented, violent and subjugated by television, despite the fact that it is in no one's interests, not even those of the world governments, the Brotherhood of Death could be said to be doing a particularly effective job.

A THEORY TOO FAR

To dismiss the Holocaust and the evils of the Nazi empire as a simple tool for generating magical energy seems somewhat offensive to those who died. In addition, the circumstances surrounding the rise of the Nazi Party are well understood in sociological terms – tragic, but hardly mysterious.

The main suspects

Satan

If ancient powers of spiritual evil are behind the Brotherhood of Death and the Thule Gesellschaft, then that rather implies the Devil. Given the Devil's well-known propensity for misdirection, it seems likely that in the event that his plans succeed, the Brotherhood will lose out along with everyone else.

Bavarian Illuminati

This age-old German secret society is often thought to control everyone from the Mafia to the Knights Templar. The Illuminati were the power behind many occult orders in pre-war Germany and may have been Hitler's ultimate puppet-master. It is recorded that Heinrich Himmler was closely involved with societies linked to the Illuminati.



Or could it have been...

The Elders of Zion

The least credible and perhaps most offensive theory is that the Elders of Zion were responsible for the actions of the Nazi party. By causing a massive depopulation of Jews, the England-based group would have less difficulty in claiming to be the inheritors of Moses' wisdom. The horrors of the Holocaust would also breed sympathy for all causes even tangentially related to Judaism.



It's possible that Hitler was just a dictator hungry for power, rather than a servant of Satan.

WHAT HAPPENED TO RUDOLF HESS?

THE STORY BEHIND A BIZARRE OFFER OF PEACE DURING WORLD WAR II



There are many strange stories surrounding World War II, but few are stranger than that of Rudolf Hess. In many places, the story of Hess reads more like

a lost *Monty Python* sketch than the historical details of the activities of a high-ranking member of Hitler's Nazi party.

Born in Alexandria, Egypt on 26 April 1894, Hess fell under the spell Adolf Hitler was weaving over Germany when he first saw him speak in Munich. Hess joined the Nazi party in 1920, becoming close to Hitler, whom he idolised.

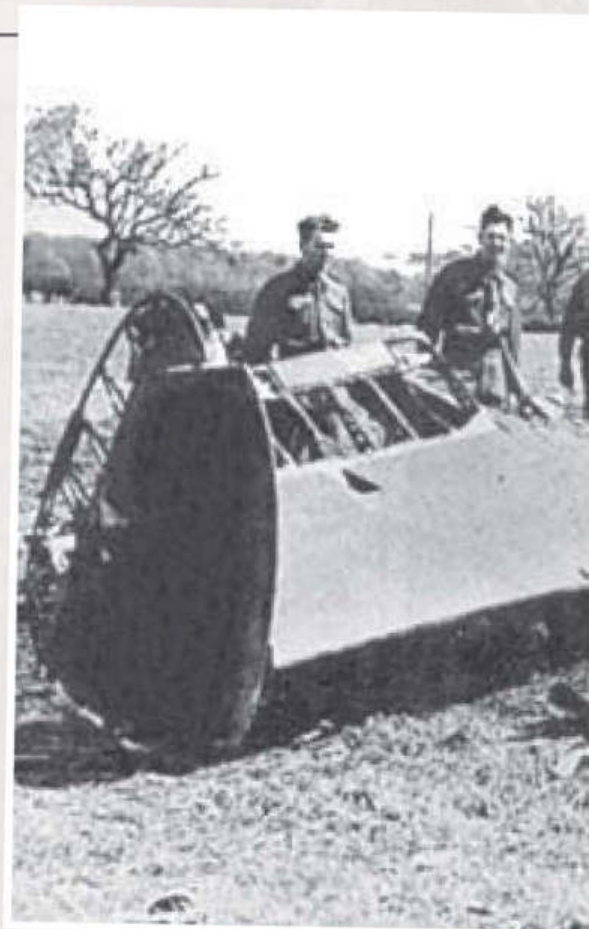
This idolatry led Hess to join Hitler in the Beer Hall Putsch of 1923 when Hitler attempted to take over the reins of power of Germany. Instead, they ended up in Landsberg prison.

Hess acted as Hitler's secretary in prison, taking slavish dictation as Hitler composed *Mein Kampf*. Released from prison in 1925, Hess followed Hitler as he built his Nazi powerbase, continuing to act as his secretary. As Hitler finally attained the power he so desperately craved, in 1932, he appointed Hess Chairman of the Central Political Commission of the Nazi Party. Hess was also made a general in the SS for good measure. As Hess continued to follow Hitler with the blind devotion of a puppy, he was rewarded with the position of Deputy Führer in 1933.

Hess was determined to do what he perceived best for his beloved Führer: he would negotiate peace with England, by himself, without telling anyone. Borrowing a Messerschmitt Bf-110,

“HESS PARACHUTED INTO SCOTLAND, MET A BEWILDERED FARMER, AND TOLD HIM HE HAD AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR THE DUKE”

Rudolf Hess was Hitler's right-hand man, so just why did Hess fly to Britain in 1941?



Hess flew across the North Sea on 10 May 1941. He was headed for Scotland, to meet with the Duke of Hamilton, a casual acquaintance he had met at the Berlin Olympics in 1936. Hess parachuted into Scotland, met a bewildered farmer, and told him he had an important message for the Duke.

His peace plan was considered ludicrous by Churchill: that if England let Germany have Europe, then England would be left alone. Disowned by the Nazi party, and considered half-mad by the British authorities, a disheartened Hess was thrown into prison. He was transferred to Germany for the Nuremberg Trials in 1945, where his mental instability was readily apparent. He was sentenced to life in Spandau prison, and reportedly committed suicide by hanging himself in 1987 at the age of 92. Or did he?

Theories have sprung up that the man who died in 1987 was not Hess, but a body-double. Questions have also arisen as to why a man so obviously incompetent was considered such a threat to British authorities.

The wreckage of Hess's Messerschmitt Bf-100.



FACT OR FICTION?

While imprisoned in Britain, Rudolf Hess kept complaining that he felt his food was being poisoned. This was just chalked up to Hess's instability, but if he were being drugged, his food would be the least conspicuous form of administering poison.

BODY DOUBLE

Dr Hugh Thomas, who cared for Hess in Spandau, stated repeatedly that his patient was not Hess, citing the absence of the scars that Hess should have had. This would back up the claim that the man locked up in Spandau prison was simply just a body double for Hess.

THE EVIDENCE

Karel Hille, a Dutch journalist, claimed to have files that had been stolen from MI6 by none other than Sir Maurice Oldfield himself, ex-head of MI6. The files proved that the man who died in Spandau was not Hess, but a body-double. Anyone see a theme?

A VICTORY?

The world actually managed to jail a high-ranking member of Hitler's Nazi party? Surely this is a case where we should be acknowledging success rather than dig for a story.

Did the Duke of Kent have a hand in Hess's secret peace mission?



The main suspects

House of Windsor

New research undertaken by Lynn Picknett, Clive Prince and others showed that there was substantial evidence that the King's brother, the Duke of Kent, was actively involved in Hess's peace mission. They also proved that in 1941, the British peace party included most of the Royal Family. This has given a shot in the arm for conspiracy theorists who think that the House of Windsor was deeply implicated in the Hess affair and that Winston Churchill arranged the death of the Duke of Kent in 1942.



Or could it have been...

Vril Society

This theory states Hess was kept imprisoned by the Germans because he held vital information about secret Nazi Antarctic bases operated by the occult Vril Society, which included many top Nazis among its members. Although this sounds bizarre, it should be remembered that James Bond creator and member of MI6 Ian Fleming recommended that master occultist Aleister Crowley should lead the interrogation of Hess.



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Friends or enemies?

THE ROLE OF THE PENTAGON

THE BUILDING THAT IS HOME TO THE US MILITARY HAS RAISED QUESTIONS FOR DECADES



The Pentagon is one of those buildings that everyone has heard of and everyone recognises immediately. Home to the US Department of Defense – the

body that controls the strongest armed force that this globe has ever seen – it is a striking piece of architecture perceived world-wide as a symbol of American might.

It is for this very reason that at 9:43am on 11 September 2001, terrorists crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon. By using a Boeing 757 to punch a hole in one of its famous five sides, they were symbolically making a massive tear into the very notion of American security and military superiority.

The building itself has lent its name to the US military machine, a name that is almost synonymous with conspiracy. From rumours of military-constructed UFOs to germ warfare experiments performed unwittingly on American citizens, the Pentagon has become a byword for dark designs and grotesque, secret plots. Its place in the conspiracy field has even permeated through to the mainstream entertainment media. In Steven Spielberg's blockbuster movie *Raiders Of The Lost Ark* it became the repository for the Ark of the Covenant, while from the first episode of *The X-Files*, it has been the base from which Fox Mulder's nemesis in the global conspiracy – Cancer Man – operates.

Home to more than 29,000 military and civilian employees, the Pentagon is a city within the capital city of Washington DC. The official story is that the Pentagon building was the idea of Brigadier General Brehon B Somervell, Chief of the Construction Division of the US Army. He came up with it in the summer of 1941, allegedly as a temporary solution to problems posed by the rapidly expanding War Department and a shortage of space. The Pentagon was also designed to bring



The shape of the Pentagon contains the mystical Phi-ratio, which is highly important to Freemasons.

the Department's 24,000 personnel, who were then scattered among 17 different buildings in Washington, under one roof.

The only reason admitted by the military for the building's unique five-sided construction was that the original site chosen for the Pentagon was a tract of land known as Arlington Farms. As five roadways bordered the site, this supposedly dictated the concept of a pentagonal building. However, the President himself – Franklin Delano Roosevelt – decided that the building be moved three-quarters of a mile downriver to a new location known as Hell's Bottom, where the final design of an open-air pentagram surrounded by five concentric

pentagonal rings traversed by ten corridor spokes was implemented.

Some conspiriologists believe that the structure itself is more than the headquarters of the US national defence establishment and the nerve centre for the command and control of the

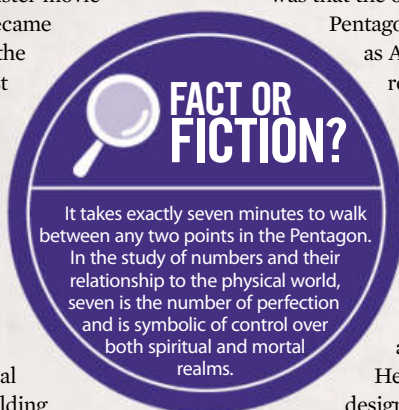
world's strongest military force. Where others see only thousands of tons of steel and concrete that go to make up one of the world's largest office buildings, conspiracy buffs have been able to spot links between the building's rather peculiar shape and ancient secret societies and their plots to subjugate America and the rest of the globe

A MIGHTY FORCE

It is on record that President Franklin D Roosevelt did not like or approve of the design of the Pentagon, yet he was helpless to prevent it being built the way it was. If the President of the US cannot stop a building from being erected, what mighty force was controlling its design and construction?

SYMBOLISM

Even at the time of its construction, there was a degree of speculation about the symbolism inherent in the Pentagon's five-sided shape. Many noted that it has not only five sides, but the five points needed to construct a five-sided star – a design that has huge significance in



It takes exactly seven minutes to walk between any two points in the Pentagon. In the study of numbers and their relationship to the physical world, seven is the number of perfection and is symbolic of control over both spiritual and mortal realms.

almost every occult and mystic tradition. The five-pointed star contains the Phi-ratio and the Pythagoreans – an ancient cult based around the study of mathematics – claimed that a pentagon held the secret of all life and reflected the “divine design” that orders and controls the universe. All of which makes you wonder why the normally conservative US military adopted such a radical, symbolic design, especially when it cost \$83 million to build in a time of war.

JUST A BUILDING

Sometimes a building is just a building. The Pentagon is not the only controversially designed office block in the world. If it were not the home of the United States military and countless conspiracies, it would probably not attract any significant speculation.

The main suspects

The Freemasons

It has long been established that Washington DC was laid out to a Masonic groundplan. Its elaborate geometry was even modified by the well-known high-degree Freemasons and founding fathers of America – Thomas Jefferson and George Washington. Given that the five-pointed star is a very important Masonic symbol, several conspiriologists have suggested that the Pentagon also has Masonic origins. They claim it was designed as both a Masonic temple and a sign of Masonic control over the US and its military.



Satanists

The Devil and his human minions are no longer the main force behind conspiracies – as they were in the witch-burning days when America was founded. Even so, fundamentalist Christian conspiracy theorists still detect the Devil's hand at work in the design of the Pentagon. For evidence they point towards the fact that for centuries the five-sided star has been a symbol used in the worship of Satan. It comes as no surprise to find that

some believe the Devil inspired his secret army of followers to create the Pentagon as his base of operations on Earth. They also feel that the original name of the marsh it was built on – Hell's Bottom – is significant.

Or could it be...

Nazi occultists

There is some circumstantial evidence to suggest that notable German Nazi scientists such as Wernher Von Braun were working on secret projects in the US in 1938. It is also rumoured that they were in contact with an occult underground, which contained amazing characters like Jack Parsons – a follower of Aleister Crowley and the world's first solid-fuel-rocket scientist. Some conspiracy theories have it that secret occult orders infiltrated the US military and forced it to build the Pentagon. When operation Paperclip brought more than 400 Nazi scientists and thousands of assistants to the US after the end of World War II, the Nazi occult take-over of the US military was complete. Nazi scientists could rule supreme from their specially designed headquarters.

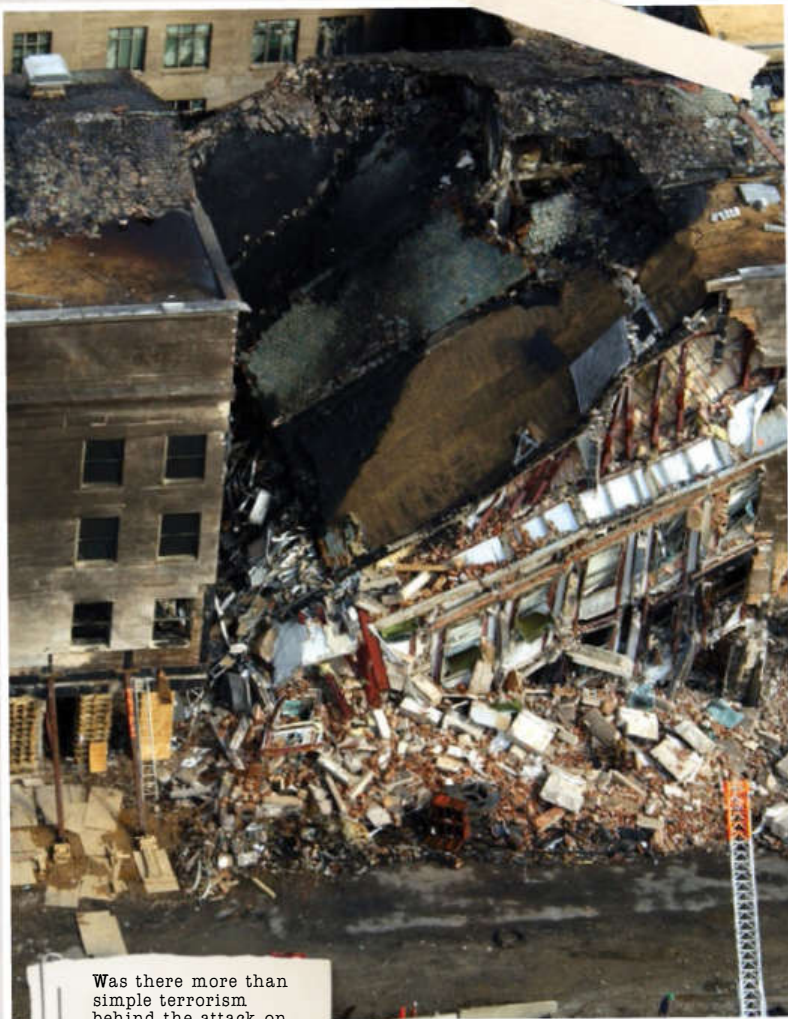


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MJ-12

Every organisation – even one as powerful and ultra-secret as MJ-12 – needs a base from which to operate. Some believe that MJ-12 pre-dates the Roswell crash and was operating under a different name via the US military before World War II. They also feel that the Pentagon was specially designed because the mathematical properties of the Phi-ratio make it the perfect shape for sending and receiving messages in hyperspace.

“SECRET OCCULT ORDERS FORCED THE US TO BUILD THE PENTAGON”



Was there more than simple terrorism behind the attack on the Pentagon on 9/11?

THE TRILATERAL COMMISSION

A GROUP THAT COULD BE BEHIND EVERY MAJOR DECISION ACROSS THE GLOBE...



Henry Kissinger, member of the Commission?

Formed in 1973 by private citizens from North America, Europe and Japan, the Trilateral Commission was born to create closer ties between

the three geographical areas and to share

leadership responsibilities on a more global basis. One of the principal founders of this was David Rockefeller, the wealthy American banker. Apparently inspired by Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski's book *Between Two Ages*, in which Brzezinski proposes an alliance between North America, Western Europe and Japan, Rockefeller went about trying to establish such

an organisation in reality. With a membership supposedly gleaned from the elite echelons of society, the Trilateral Commission is said to be composed of some 335 prominent figures in the media, politics, academia and business.

Its membership is supposed to have included such dignitaries as Paul Volcker, erstwhile head of the Federal Reserve System; Akio Morita, chief executive officer of Sony; Count Otto Lambsdorff, leader of Germany's Free Democratic Party; Henry Kissinger, and Bill Clinton. Top executives of such companies as AT&T, Pepsico and the Chase Manhattan Bank, among many others, are also members.

The Trilateral Commission meets once a year, in Spring, to discuss world problems and hopefully to come up with solutions. The

Commission is nothing more than the political power behind the formation of the New World Order, according to conspiracy theorists who believe that the Commission has one

aim: to wipe out all political sovereignty on Earth and place its people under the rule of one government and one bank. Others see the Trilateral Commission as a group that is merely trying to ensure that global financial interests (such as those of AT&T and the Rockefellers) are protected.

While hiding behind a mask of benign kindness, the Trilateral Commission's real aim is not to protect the interests of the lower classes but to convince people, subtly, that they must bow to the needs of the banks and corporations...



The Commission renews itself every three years. In 2003 it updated its agenda concerning international interdependence to one of globalisation. Timely, given the increase in forces opposing this growing trend.

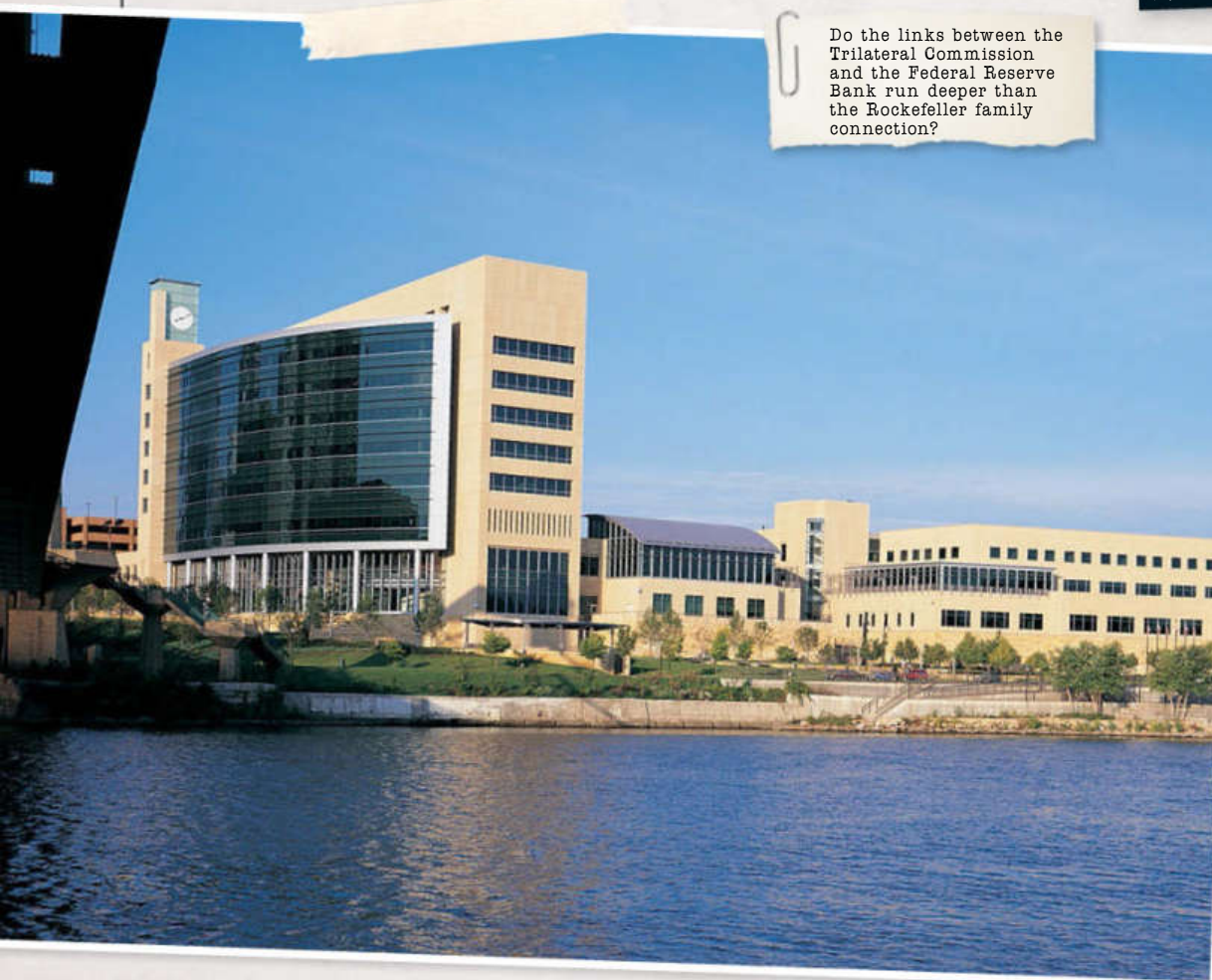
NO PHOTOS...

Given that the Trilateral Commission's membership includes some of the most important and powerful names in the worlds of politics, business and the media, many conspiracy theorists find it hard to believe that their role is purely consultative. The theorists feel that US presidents, world leaders and other members of the globe's power elite would not find time in their schedules to attend something that only serves as a talking shop – especially when the mysterious lack of media attention on the Commission means that they do not even get the chance for a photo opportunity.

ALL QUIET

There is a curious lack of media attention surrounding meetings of the Trilateral Commission, which seems extremely odd considering the profiles of many attendees. In a world where the President of the United States is bombarded with flashbulbs and microphones when he does something as innocent as walking his

Do the links between the Trilateral Commission and the Federal Reserve Bank run deeper than the Rockefeller family connection?



Jimmy Carter hosts a meeting of the Trilateral Commission in 1978.



dog, it's interesting to note that when he attends a meeting of the Trilateral Commission, it barely merits a mention on the evening news. Despite the Commission's insistence that it is merely a "discussion group" and that all of its discussion papers are available to the public, this shadow over its activities is disquieting. Considering how President Clinton could not control the media circus over the Lewinsky affair, where does the Trilateral Commission get its power to muzzle the media when it sees fit?

JUST AN EXCUSE

If there were going to be a New World Order, would the Trilateral Commission even have to exist as a public entity? While it can be argued that the best place to hide is in broad daylight, which could be the Commission's credo, why create such an organisation that would inevitably lead to suspicion and fears of conspiracy?

In an age of encrypted communications and underground government bunkers, there is no need for the power brokers of the world to meet in full view of a suspicious public to discuss their future enslavement. There is every evidence to suggest that the Trilateral Commission is nothing more than an excuse for rich people to get together, swap stories, drink expensive wine, and maybe sneak in a few rounds of golf. Perhaps world domination isn't their goal: maybe just getting away from the office is.

The main suspects

The Freemasons

Theories abound that the Freemasons control the agenda of the Trilateral Commission, shaping its decisions and influences on global policy to ensure total Freemason domination of the Earth. By slowly moving the world into the straitjacket of the New World Order, the Freemasons could, by crushing all dissent under the tight rules and brutality of the NWO, finally achieve their ultimate goal. It's unsurprising that the Freemasons should be linked with the Trilateral Commission of course, as if you believed everything you hear about them, they control pretty much every suspicious group or organisation.



The Illuminati

Another mysterious, shadowy group that is feared to be behind the scenes in all governments, the Illuminati is another candidate for running the Trilateral Commission. Like the Freemasons, the Illuminati's goal is total global domination, of course.

Or could it be...

Aliens

According to this view, an un-named alien power is trying to take over the planet. It is working in conjunction with the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderburger Group, and the Council of Foreign Relations. Clearly, conquest will be much simpler for the aliens once all governments, and all armies, have first been absorbed into the single New World Order. Those who work with the aliens will be spared the horrors that are due to befall the rest of us.



Knights Templar

The high number of bankers and financiers involved in the Trilateral Commission have convinced some that the group was put together at the behest of the Knights Templar, the world's first truly international bankers, who still secretly organise all the secret muscle in the world of global business. The Commission serves to help the Templars keep the world's political climate at the right level for their control to remain solid with profits booming.

"MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL NAMES IN THE WORLDS OF POLITICS, BUSINESS AND THE MEDIA"

THE WATERGATE SCANDAL

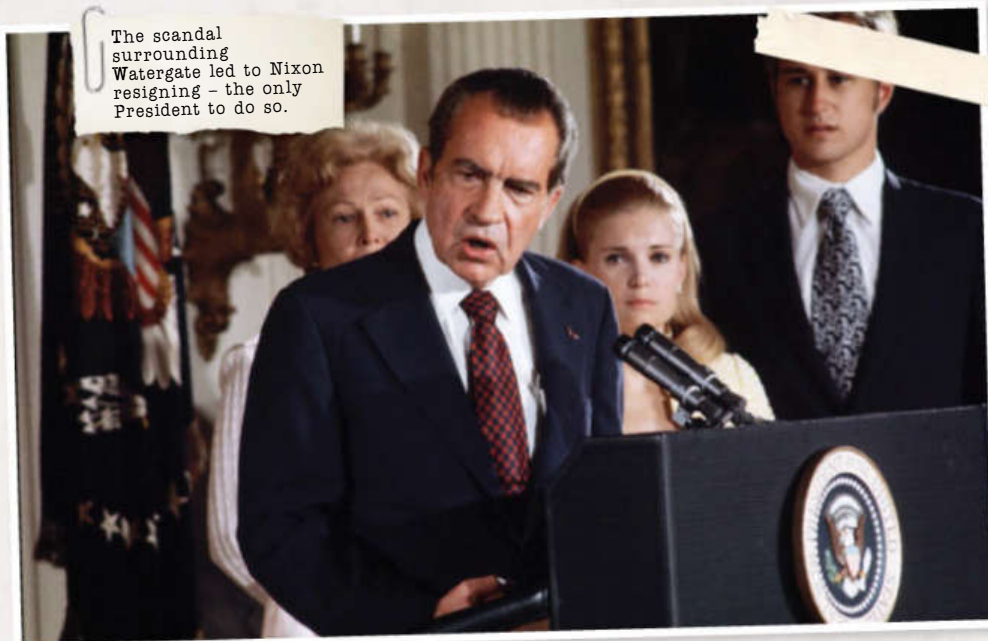
DO WE REALLY KNOW THE TRUTH BEHIND THE EVENTS THAT BROUGHT DOWN NIXON?



Watergate is the most famous political conspiracy of the modern age. The exposure of attempts to cover up a failed conspiracy

led to Richard Milhous Nixon becoming the first US President to resign from office. It gave new meaning to the term “Deep Throat” – now an anonymous source of classified information as well as a sexual act – and no current political scandal is complete unless it is given the “-gate” tag.

In 1995, when renowned conspiriologist and film maker Oliver Stone produced *Nixon* – starring Anthony Hopkins as the unfortunate President – he was not the first theorist to speculate that Watergate was only the visible surface of a much larger and more sinister plot. Like Stone’s other conspiracy-fuelled opus, *JFK*, the film was condemned by those it portrayed and by the establishment – a sign taken by Stone’s fellow conspiriologists to



The scandal surrounding Watergate led to Nixon resigning – the only President to do so.

suggest that it may have contained a great deal of truth.

The facts regarding the outer layer of Watergate are well established and form the basis of the official version of the scandal that is

even taught in schools – one of the few conspiracies that the education system acknowledges. In the early hours of 17 June 1972, James McCord – a man with numerous links to the CIA – led a group of four anti-Castro Cuban exiles in an attempt to burgle the Democratic National Committee Headquarters. The burglars were discovered and arrested as they attempted to tap the telephone system in the Watergate office and hotel complex in Washington DC.

Charges were also eventually laid against two more people: G Gordon Liddy, finance counsel to the President and the power behind Nixon’s Committee to Re-elect the President (CREEP); and E Howard Hunt, a former White House aide and ex-CIA

operative. Over the next few months, what initially appeared to be a third-rate burglary quickly escalated into a full-blown political scandal.

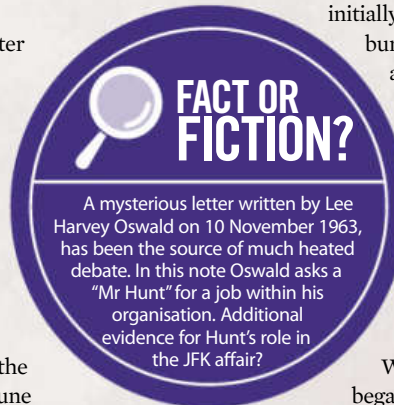
Nixon’s involvement in the conspiracy to cover up a conspiracy led to America’s gravest constitutional crisis and climaxed with his resignation as President on 9 August 1974.

However, in the national aftermath of distrust following Watergate, conspiracy theorists began to examine the details of the case. They discovered an assortment of

facts that suggested the real reason behind the downfall of Nixon was a conspiracy to hide the truth about the assassination of President John F Kennedy.

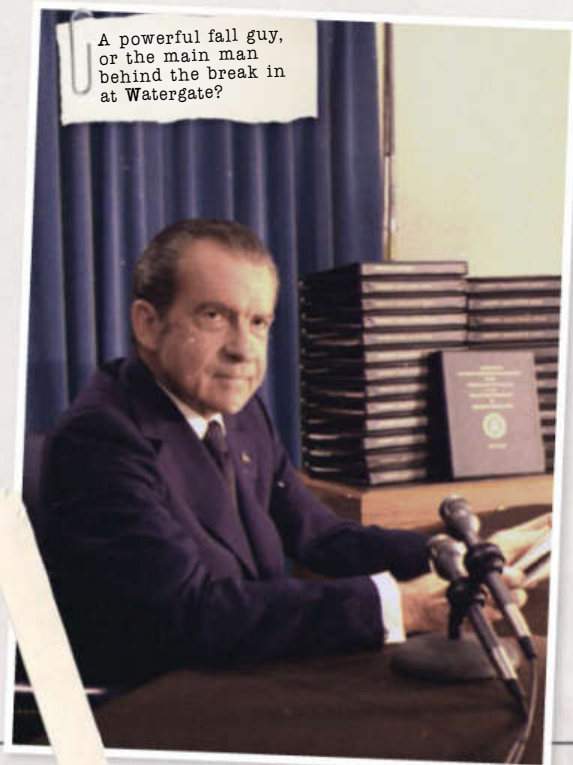
BAY OF PIGS

On the Watergate tapes that provided the damning evidence of his involvement in the cover up of the original burglary, President Nixon says: “Look, the problem is that this [Watergate] will open up the whole Bay of Pigs thing again.” John Ehrlichman, Assistant to the President for Domestic Affairs, who served 18 months in prison for his part in the conspiracy, has admitted that “Bay of Pigs” was



A mysterious letter written by Lee Harvey Oswald on 10 November 1963, has been the source of much heated debate. In this note Oswald asks a “Mr Hunt” for a job within his organisation. Additional evidence for Hunt’s role in the JFK affair?

A powerful fall guy, or the main man behind the break in at Watergate?



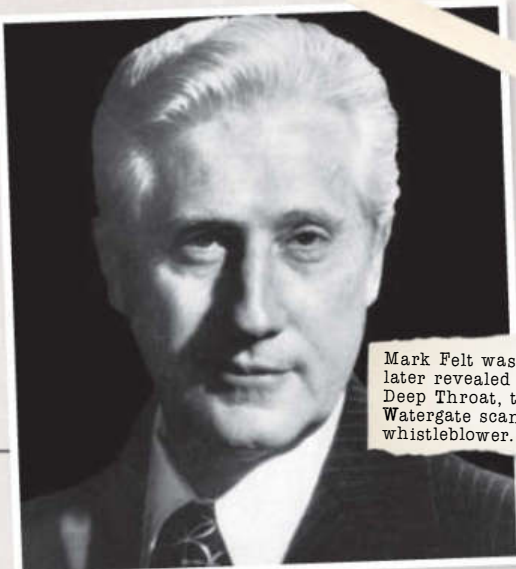
Nixon's code phrase for the John F Kennedy assassination. Dorothy Hunt, the wife of one of the key players in Watergate, E Howard Hunt, may have been blackmailing the White House and have demanded more than a million dollars to keep silent about information that would "blow the White House out of the water". Many conspiriologists believe that there is photographic evidence to suggest that Hunt, a long-time CIA agent, was one of the famous "Three Tramps" photographed on the grassy knoll immediately after the shooting of JFK.

A DEADLY PLAN

In December 1973, a United Airlines flight crashed near Chicago Midway Airport. On board was E Howard Hunt's wife Dorothy. One of Hunt's fellow Watergate conspirators, Charles Coulson, made a statement to *Time* magazine claiming that "the CIA killed Dorothy Hunt". Unfortunately his claim may not have been pure paranoia – the pilot of the flight was found to have a quantity of cyanide in his blood that could only have been there if he had been poisoned. Another odd element to the crash is that Dorothy Hunt was carrying more than \$250,000 in "hush money" when she boarded the plane, but only \$10,000 was recovered with her body.

FUEL FOR THE FIRE

Watergate traumatised the American psyche and its scars run deep. The events, which started with that "third-rate burglary", have been described as the root cause in America of the current distrust of government as well as the tendency to believe in conspiracies. Hardly surprising, then, that Watergate set off further speculation into the JFK assassination.



Mark Felt was later revealed to be Deep Throat, the Watergate scandal's whistleblower.

The main suspects

James Jesus Angleton

Director of CIA counter-intelligence from 1954 to 1974, James Jesus Angleton is suspected by many of being the mastermind behind JFK's assassination. His uncharacteristic refusal to help Nixon cover up the White House involvement in the burglary definitely helped seal Nixon's fate. Was Angleton willing to sacrifice a President to hide his involvement in the "whole Bay of Pigs thing"?



The Mafia

It is well established that the Mafia and their Cuban allies had strong links to the CIA and probably played a part in the death of John F Kennedy, so it is probably more than coincidence that four anti-Castro Cuban exiles were among the Watergate burglars. If the role of high-placed mobsters in the JFK conspiracy were in danger of being exposed by Watergate, they would have a solid motive for wanting Nixon to take all of the blame.

Or could it have been...

Federal Reserve Bank

Lee Harvey Oswald's widow has pointed the finger at the US Federal Reserve Bank's mysterious role in the JFK affair. A private corporation that controls the creation of all American money, the Federal Reserve Bank (FRB) is owned in part by the Rockefellers. Given that the hugely influential Trilateral Commission was set up by David Rockefeller in 1973, some have conjectured that the FRB had the financial and political muscle to stage Watergate to depose Nixon – a possible obstacle in its plans for world domination.



Howard Hughes

In 1972, eccentric millionaire Howard Hughes asked the White House to send the team that eventually bungled the Watergate burglary to break into the office of a Las Vegas newspaper editor, Hank Greenspun. Their task would have been to steal certain papers that formed allegedly devastating blackmail material. Given that some have linked Hughes and his fellow oil barons with Nixon and a plot to kill JFK, his role in Watergate is suspicious to say the least.



"IT IS MORE THAN COINCIDENCE THAT FOUR ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN EXILES WERE THE BURGLARS"

ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR

DID ROOSEVELT ALLOW PEARL HARBOR TO HAPPEN SO AMERICA COULD BE PROVOKED INTO JOINING THE WAR?



The events that took place before dawn on Sunday 7 December, 1941, at Pearl Harbor form such a nexus point. They influenced not only the course of World War II, but also the way world history unfolded.

The infamous “sneak attack” by Japanese forces on Hawaii resulted in 2,403 American deaths and 1,178 wounded servicemen; 18 ships, including three battleships, were sunk and 188 aeroplanes were destroyed with a further 162 suffering severe damage. By contrast, the Japanese lost only 29 planes, five midget submarines and 64 men. The direct result of this

There are crossroads in time – nexus points – when the actions that take place have the potential to shape the course of history on a grand scale.

allegedly surprise attack was a US declaration of war on Japan, which immediately led to Hitler supporting his Asian allies – an act that finally brought America into the war against the Nazis.

However, some of America’s most respected historians have joined forces with the conspiriologists they usually refer to as “delusional paranoids”. Both groups suggest that the real reason why Pearl Harbor should be remembered is because it was the tragic outcome of a massive conspiracy to ensure that the US joined Britain as a full combatant in World War II.

By 1941, the US President, Franklin D Roosevelt, was faced with a massive and seemingly insurmountable political problem. He wanted America to become involved in the war with Germany but US public opinion was unsympathetic – Americans felt it was a

European affair, and that Britain, Russia and Germany should be left alone to sort it out without any American lives being put at risk. Conspiracy theorists, and some historians, feel that Roosevelt knew Pearl Harbor was going to be attacked, but allowed it to happen as it would give him the perfect excuse for declaring war on Japan – an action that his intelligence services had told him would provoke an identical response from Germany on the US.

FACT OR FICTION?

The US Navy in Pearl Harbor was laughably under-prepared for the attack. Ships were tied up side-by-side and, despite radar operators in Hawaii reporting that Japanese planes were coming, no one took any action. Three American battleships were sunk in the attack, but by 1941 battleships were obsolete and the aircraft carrier was the pinnacle of naval power. It may be significant that no American aircraft carriers were based at Pearl Harbor during the attack – the majority of them were 3,000 miles away.

US INTELLIGENCE

In 1941, Roosevelt had been warned by his admirals that cutting off the supply of petrol to Japan was likely to involve the US in a Pacific war. In July Roosevelt cut off those petroleum

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor resulted in the deaths of over 2,000 Americans.





The surprise attack happened just half an hour before dawn on a Sunday morning.

supplies and began to withhold intelligence information about Japanese activities from Army and Navy officials based in Hawaii. The governments of Britain, Holland, Australia, Peru, Korea and the Soviet Union all warned the US that a surprise attack on Pearl Harbor was coming, so it is even more odd that this information was not passed on to the military in Pearl Harbor.

SNEAK ATTACK

In 1932, a joint Army-Navy exercise saw Pearl Harbor being successfully "attacked" by 152 planes half an hour before dawn on a Sunday – catching the defenders completely by surprise. This was duplicated in 1938, so there can be no doubt that the military knew the potential risk to Pearl Harbor. Furthermore, the US had cracked the top Japanese Naval and diplomatic codes – a fact not lost on a top-secret Army Board. In 1944 the Board reported: "Numerous pieces of information came to our State, War and Navy Departments in all of their top ranks indicating precisely the intentions of the Japanese including the probable exact hour and date of the attack."

INCOMPETENCE

It is hard to be sceptical over many aspects of the Pearl Harbor conspiracy, but it is also hazardous ever to underestimate the levels of incompetence that can be achieved by some of the people entrusted to run their country.

The main suspects

Franklin D Roosevelt

The most obvious suspect in the conspiracy is the President himself. It is no secret that he wanted to bring America into the war with Europe, but was being held back by domestic political concerns. His position meant that he had the power to manoeuvre events in such a way that the US would not have to fire the first shot and be seen as the aggressor.



Anglo-American Cabal

There is a widespread belief, at least in certain sections of the conspiracy field, that there is a powerful Anglo-American cabal in operation determined to keep the "special relationship" in existence. Believed to involve members of the American and British intelligence services, as well as major figures from business and finance and top politicians, the cabal may also have counted Roosevelt as a member. He could have been instructed to cover up the impending attack on Pearl Harbor so that the US could be brought into the war to defend Britain.

Or could it have been...

The American banking community

At the time of Pearl Harbor, Britain was in debt to America under the terms of the lend-lease agreement. If Britain were defeated by Germany there would be no chance of her ever repaying the vast loans she had taken out. Therefore, members of the American banking community had a vested interest in British victory and may have pulled strings behind the scenes to ensure America lent more than financial support to their client.

International League of Communists

American conspiracy theorists with a very heavy right-wing bias have believed for some while that Roosevelt was secretly a communist. Their conjecture also makes him a vital member of an alleged International League of Communists, which conspired to take the US into a war with Germany. America's entry to the war would not be to save democracy in Britain and Europe, but to ensure that the world's first communist state, the Soviet Union, was not crushed by the might of the Nazi war machine.



"ROOSEVELT HAD BEEN WARNED BY HIS ADMIRALS THAT CUTTING OFF THE SUPPLY OF PETROL TO JAPAN WAS LIKELY TO INVOLVE THE US IN A PACIFIC WAR"

SADDAM & THE INVASION OF IRAQ

WAS THERE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE TO THE INVASION OF IRAQ?



On the face of it, the first Gulf War in 1991 was a straightforward conflict. Traditional analysis stems from the view that Saddam Hussein was a classic megalomaniac

dictator, who tested the will of the world to halt his expansionist policies by invading Kuwait in August 1990. In response, a global coalition, led by the US and UK, united against him. George Bush Snr referred to this coalition as a "New World Order". During the Gulf War the US organised enough military and political power to successfully defeat Hussein and free Kuwait. Yet all is not what it seems when the conspiracy researchers turn their questioning gaze to the Gulf War, up until the second Gulf War in 2003, the largest military campaign undertaken since World War II. A number of significant puzzles develop when certain questions are asked. For instance, why did

Allied forces stop when they could have easily driven into Baghdad? If Saddam was another Hitler, why wait over a decade to bring about the "regime change" that Bush Jnr was determined to bring about? Accusations and rumours that began when the conspiracy world started to question the established view have now been brought out into the open as accepted, mainstream facts. Even before the tanks hit the Baghdad highway for a second time in 2003, more than one revisionist heavyweight commentator on international politics had begun to wonder if the first Gulf War was set up and carried out for objectives other than freeing Kuwait.

A "GREEN LIGHT"

It has become generally accepted that the US State Department gave a "green light" for Saddam to invade neighbouring Kuwait.

This happened when an Iraqi Ambassador raised the subject of how the US would react to a potential Iraqi invasion with American Ambassador April Glaspie, in August 1990 just before Iraqi tanks rolled across the sand.

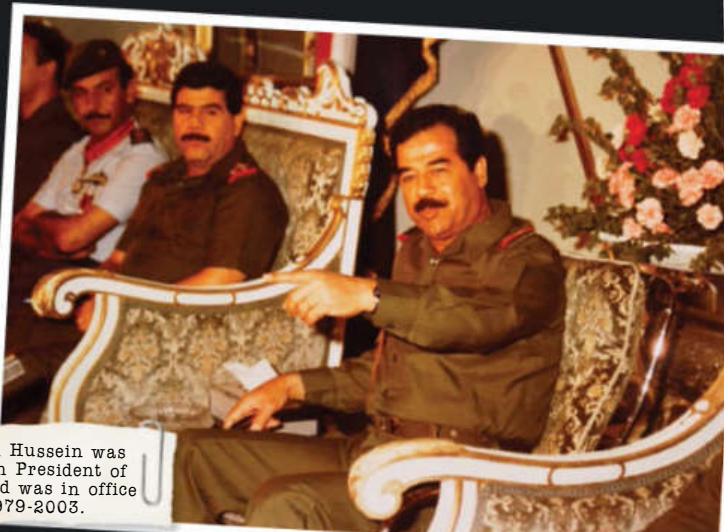
While debate rages as to the exact details of what occurred at that meeting,



FACT OR FICTION?

In the aftermath of the Gulf War, an intriguing book entitled *American Hero* was written by Larry Beinhart and published by Ballantine Books. Purporting to be fiction, it details how the war was the idea of a Republican dirty tricks expert designed to boost the popularity of Bush. Its unearthed facts and extensive footnotes provide a damning level of evidence for a conspiracy. One question it raises is why did the American, British and Soviet Ambassadors all leave Kuwait two days before the invasion?

"EVEN AT THE END OF THE WAR, WITH BAGHDAD UNDER US CONTROL, SADDAM WAS STILL NOT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE UN"



Saddam Hussein was the fifth President of Iraq and was in office from 1979-2003.



Why wasn't Saddam disposed during the first Gulf war?

In 2003 the coalition, led by the US, invaded Iraq to depose Hussein and the Ba'ath party.



whether by intent or accident, it seems certain that Saddam thought that the US would not object if he went ahead with his invasion plans. Given that a number of US Senators had recently visited Baghdad and declared support for Hussein – including at least one staunch Jewish liberal and champion of Israel – it is a conclusion he could be forgiven for making.

MILITARY ACTION

It is odd that a UN-backed coalition of powerful nations could not remove the dictator of one Middle Eastern state, even after smashing his army within a matter of days, especially given that America and Britain were able to topple him later without that powerful backing. It is also strange that in the years subsequent to the first Gulf War, no covert assassination attempt was made on Saddam. Nor was any meaningful military action taken against him or his alleged stocks of chemical and biological weapons until another member of the Bush clan was in the White House. Even at the end of the war, with Baghdad under US control, Saddam was still not in the custody of the UN for war crimes against the Kurds.

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

As the second Gulf War showed, America has never shown much inclination to come up with good excuses not to throw its weight around, so allowing the invasion of Kuwait seems a little unnecessary. Maybe the reason why Saddam was left in power at the end of the first Gulf War was because George Bush Snr wanted to leave his son something to get his teeth into when he became President?

The main suspects

New World Order

The "new world order" was an expression first used in the Twenties by Colonel Edward House who believed in world government. President George Bush brought the phrase into the public spotlight when he described the coalition gathered against Saddam as a sign of an emerging New World Order. Most conspiriologists view the NWO as a form of One World government that secret forces are working to introduce. For a New World Order to hold power over nation states it would need to be able to justify its existence. The type of international operation of joint political and military force seen in the Gulf may be the first example designed to convince the population of the globe that the NWO is an idea whose time has come.



Military Industrial Complex

With the fragmentation of the Soviet Union, in 1989, and the spectre of a communist menace a thing of the past, people were beginning to question whether the US and its Western allies actually needed to keep spending billions on defence. Conspiracy theorists believe that the invasion by Saddam Hussein, in 1990, is just too much of a coincidence. They believe that he was put up to the attack on Kuwait by the Military Industrial Complex, so that he could be presented as the new enemy that needed opposing – hence justifying continued massive spending on armaments.

Or could it have been...

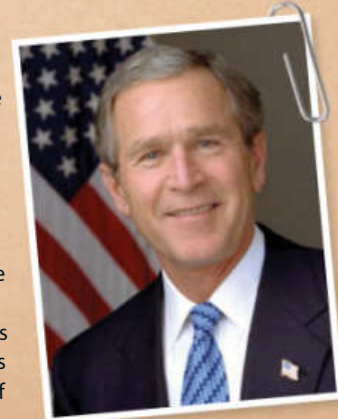
KGB

It is well known that the Soviets and the KGB had developed a very close relationship with Hussein over the years. Some conspiracy theorists believe that the demise of the Soviet Union is merely a diversionary tactic to allow the KGB to develop plans for communist world domination – it was the KGB that arranged the Gulf War. By setting up Saddam as the main bogeyman, the KGB's strategists ensured that American attention would be focused on Iraq, leaving them free to pursue their machinations unmolested by the US.

Oil companies

If nothing else, the first Gulf War managed to push the price of crude oil up to the type of figure that the oil companies had not enjoyed since the days of the 1973 oil crisis.

George Bush Snr made his fortune as oil baron and, with petrochemical industry-intelligence community connections, some have speculated that financial gain may have been the true motive behind the staging of the first Gulf War. With boy George following in his father's shoes and with his own oil-based fortune, it is not surprising that this is still a popular theory to explain the second Gulf War too.



THE SECRETS OF GEORGE BUSH SNR

MYSTERIOUS LINKS TO THE CIA... AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION... TOO MANY COINCIDENCES?



Anyone elected to the office of President of the United States of America becomes the centre of attention for an army of conspiriologists. George Bush

Snr was something of an exception – even before he was elected as Reagan's Vice President, in 1980, he was already at the heart of several major conspiracy theories including Watergate, the Bay of Pigs and the assassination of JFK.

Officially, George Bush only worked for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1976–77 when he was its Director. However, there is a large body of evidence to suggest that George Bush was working for the CIA as early as 1961. He was a member of the bizarre Skull and Bones Society at college – a known recruiting ground for senior CIA agents. Running his oil company meant visiting rigs across the world – perfect cover for an agent. His company was named

Zapata, which was also

the codename for the CIA's Bay of Pigs operation; the two Navy ships repainted as civilian ships for the aborted invasion attempt were renamed Barbara and Houston – the names of Bush's wife and of the town in Texas where his company was based.

When the US government released nearly 100,000 pages of documents on the Kennedy assassination, in 1978, conspiracy researchers found a memo among them from the State Department to "George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency". This memo warned of the possibility that anti-Castro groups in Miami might stage another invasion of Cuba in the aftermath of the JFK murder. President Bush has denied that he was the man in the memo and that it was intended for another "George Bush" who also had a similar address to him. Conspiracy buffs believe that the memo was sent to the CIA

George Bush Snr with Ronald Reagan, but was Bush behind the attempted assassination of the President?

because of the previous invasion attempt and to George Bush because he was involved in the planning of other invasions, including the Bay of Pigs.

Another significant Bush link to the Kennedy affair lies with George de Mohrenschildt, a rich Russian oilman and long-time CIA agent who lived in Texas and helped Lee Harvey Oswald settle there after he left the Soviet Union.

Shortly before he was due to testify before the House Select Committee on Assassinations, de

Mohrenschildt was found dead of an allegedly self-inflicted gunshot wound. His personal address book contained the entry: "Bush, George H W (Poppy) 1412 W. Ohio also Zapata Petroleum Midland."

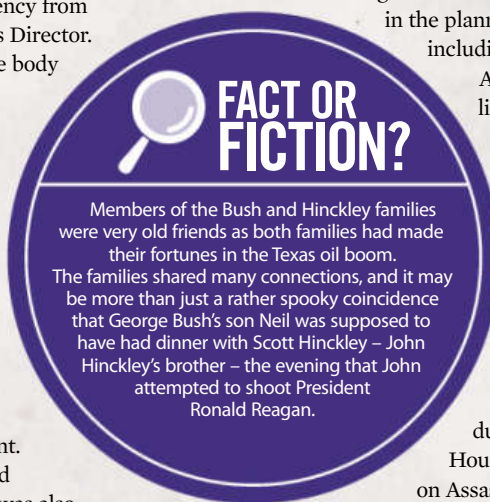
Given this type of security service background to investigate, it is not surprising that some conspiriologists believe that the then Vice President Bush was the force behind a conspiracy to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1982, in a brazen attempt to place himself in the White House a few years ahead of schedule.

A FAILED PLOT?

The official version of events on 30 March 1982 is that Ronald Reagan was walking to his limousine when John Hinckley Jr surged forward and opened fire with a pistol. A bullet allegedly ricocheted off the limousine and injured Reagan, but failed to kill him. However, more than one witness reported that at least one shot came from a Secret Service agent who was stationed on the overhang behind Reagan's limousine. As one beneficiary of Reagan's death would have been Bush, conspiracy buffs have made him (or forces controlling him) the prime suspect in the Reagan shooting.

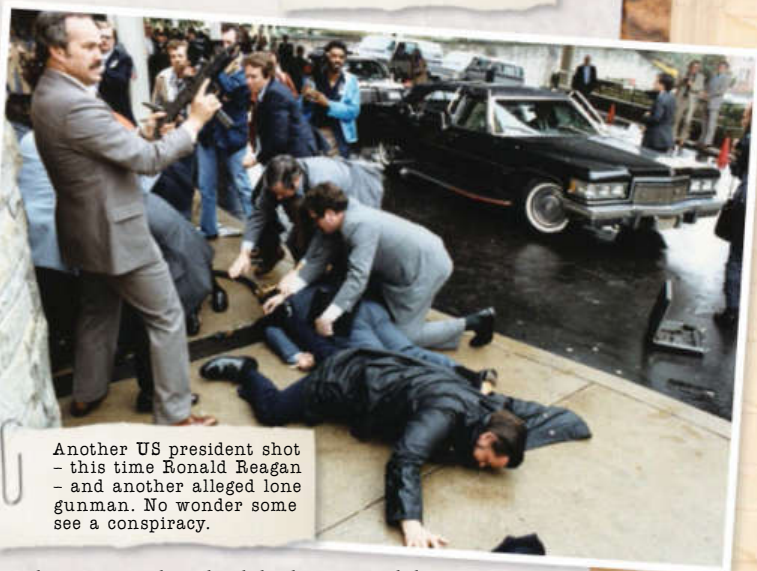
RICOCHET THEORY

If you inspect the video footage of the shooting it is clear that from the position Hinckley was standing in when he opened fire, that he would have needed to shoot through a car door to





Before becoming President of the USA, George Bush had already served as the Director of the CIA.



Another US president shot - this time Ronald Reagan - and another alleged lone gunman. No wonder some see a conspiracy.

hit Reagan where he did. This impossibility is explained by the "ricochet theory" which is as implausible as the infamous "magic bullet theory" in the JFK shooting.

FAR-FETCHED?

Anyone whose hero is Travis Bickle and is obsessed with Jodie Foster deserves the label "nut" and is probably unbalanced enough to attempt the lone assassination of a president. The fact that George Bush is connected to the CIA by a large number of supposed links and secret societies just helps to create the illusion of conspiracy where there is no real evidence for one. Although that doesn't mean Bush Snr doesn't have a few secrets he's not telling...

The main suspects

The CIA

The traditional bad guys of the conspiracy world have certainly played a big part in the life of George Bush Snr. It is possible the Agency wished to put one of their men into the White House early to help them strengthen their position in the drugs trade and secret wars they were conducting in Central America at the time of the Reagan shooting. The CIA may have already eliminated more than one president - JFK through an assassin's bullet and Nixon by the Watergate scandal - so would have little reason to doubt it could be done again without comeback.



Skull and Bones

It is well known that George Bush was a member of the Skull and Bones - a secret society at Yale college with initiation rites that involve lying naked in a coffin and providing fellow members with a list of blackmail material against you. Members of the Skull and Bones have a tendency to form the ruling elite of America and the society also seems to operate as an unofficial recruiting body for the US intelligence community. No one knows exactly what the true aim of the Skull and Bones is, but placing one of its own in the White House does not sound too unlikely a goal.

Or could it be...

MJ-12

Allegedly the true ruling power in America and the group behind the cover-up of the existence of UFOs and aliens, MJ-12 may have wanted to eliminate Reagan because he was unstable and could have exposed the group's existence. It is certain that Reagan came close to implying the reality of an alien menace when he made a speech suggesting that the USA and USSR would be forced to unite in a moment if the people of the world discovered that they had a common extraterrestrial enemy. MJ-12 is rumoured to always include the current Director of the CIA on its controlling committee, which, if true, would have made George Bush a former member of the organisation.

Knights of Malta

An allegedly Catholic organisation, based around the Knights of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, which was created during the Crusades, membership of the Knights of Malta at the time of Reagan's shooting included head of the CIA, William Casey, and Reagan's foreign policy chief, General Alexander Haig. Confusion reigned in the aftermath of the shooting as to who, exactly, was in control of America while Reagan was disabled. When asked about this, Haig said: "I'm in charge now". Were the Knights of Malta behind the shooting as part of a plot to install a president who was an ex-CIA man with close links to certain "Knights"?



"WITNESSES REPORTED THAT AT LEAST ONE SHOT CAME FROM A SECRET SERVICE AGENT"

BRINGING BUSH TO POWER

WAS IT INEVITABLE THAT GEORGE W BUSH JNR WOULD ONE DAY BE PRESIDENT?



George W Bush might not have been born to be president as some claim, but the moment he decided to run for the job, he was destined to play a huge role in the theories of many

conspirilogists. Even mainstream media, with headlines such as “Born to Be King” and concerned editorials, continue to raise the fact that if the next president is Hillary Clinton, two families will have run America over the last 27 years or more. A large section of the public, as well as hardened conspiracy buffs, sense that there was more to the election of the son of former President George Bush than the quirky workings of democracy. Suspicions about how he came to follow in his father's footsteps are only intensified by the frankly dubious way in which he triumphed in the presidential election against Al Gore and the strange sense that fighting a war in Iraq seems to be a bit of a Bush family tradition.

Bush Jr has a conspiracy pedigree second to none. Before he even became President, his

father was suspected of being involved in the assassination of JFK, Watergate, the Iran-Contra scandal and the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan and announced the creation of a “New World Order” on the White House lawn. His grandfather – Prescott Bush – made a fortune from Nazi money laundering activities while Bush Jnr profited from his oil companies’ links to Bin Laden’s brother in Saudi Arabia. Within minutes of announcing his candidacy for president, conspiracy theorists were speculating online that the coming election would be fixed for a Bush win, a new war on Iraq would be started and the government would gain further powers – all predictions that seemed to have been accurately fulfilled. The only thing they disagreed about was who was pulling the strings behind the scenes. The assumption was that a man famous for making statements such as, “I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully”, and “It’s clearly a budget – it’s got a lot of numbers in it”, was not the brains behind any plot to gain control of the White House.

The first prediction of a conspiracy to fix the vote exploded in a very public way when the Democratic contender for President Al Gore won the national vote

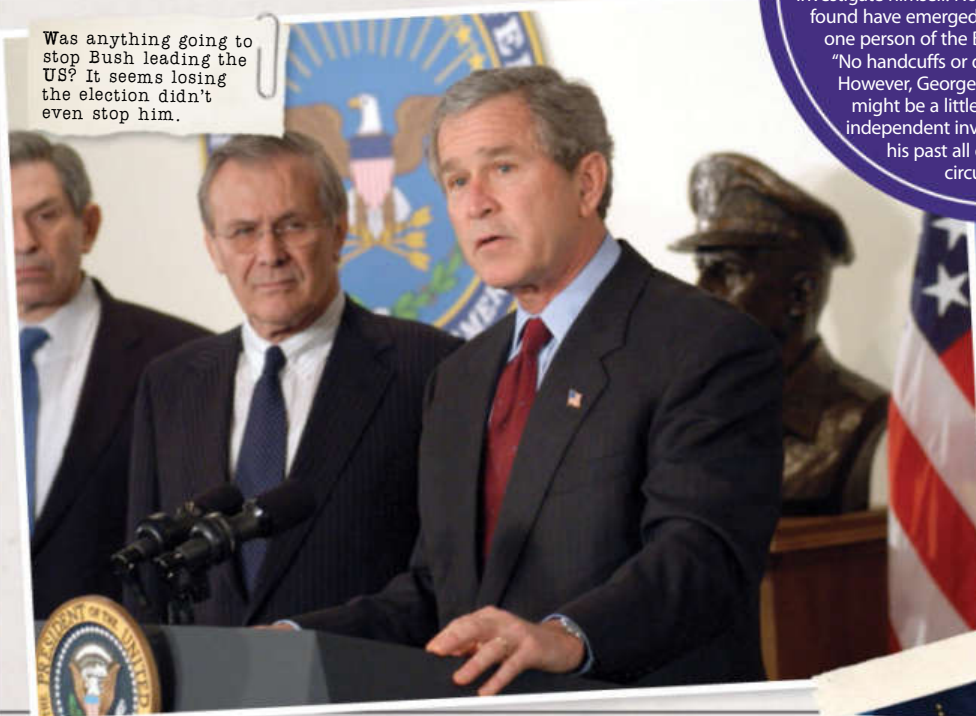
by more than half million votes. However, Bush was installed in the White House due to the result in Florida – a Republican-controlled state, where his brother, Jeb, was governor – that swung the Electoral College. Amid lost votes, faulty voting machines that counted a vote for Bush, even when a voter selected another candidate, Bush’s chance of becoming President hung in the balance as his lead dwindled to a few hundred votes in Florida. Al Gore began pushing for a recount, so Bush supporters in Miami started to riot. The prospect of spreading violence helped influence the US Supreme Court to a 5–4 ruling on stopping a state-wide Florida recount and therefore making Bush the President. However, it later emerged that the “Brooks Brothers’ Riot” – named after the preppie style of the protestors’ clothes – was led by so-called rioters who were paid by Bush’s election committee. Thus the organisation spent \$1.2 million to fly operatives to Florida and elsewhere, and a fleet of corporate jets was assembled, including planes owned by Enron, then run by Kenneth Lay, a major backer of Bush. One of the rioters, Matt Schlapp, even ended up as special assistant to the President.



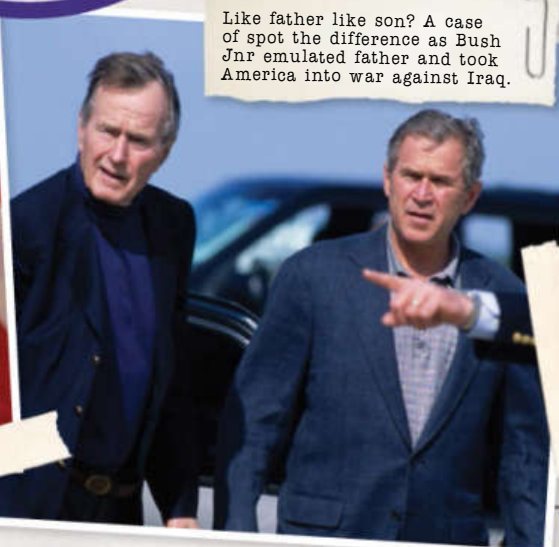
FACT OR FICTION?

“Boy George”, as many conspiracy theorists have taken to calling him, was so worried about his past surfacing that he hired a private detective to investigate himself. No details of what the detective found have emerged, apart from the fact that as one person of the Bush campaign team said, “No handcuffs or dwarf orgies were found.” However, George Bush’s private detective might be a little worried as four other independent investigators looking into his past all died in suspicious circumstances.

Was anything going to stop Bush leading the US? It seems losing the election didn't even stop him.



Like father like son? A case of spot the difference as Bush Jnr emulated father and took America into war against Iraq.





Democracy in action? George W Bush's election to the White House was decided in the state of Florida where his brother was Governor.

Once in the White House, the conspiracy community, mindful of the words of David Rockefeller that, "We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crises and the nations will accept a New World Order," speculated that something akin to the aborted Operation Northwoods would soon materialise to allow for a war in Iraq and a clampdown on civil liberties.

Northwoods was a secret military plan. It was sanctioned by the joint chiefs of staff but never given presidential clearance to create a public and international climate for an attack on Cuba by hijacking planes, blowing up a US ship and even committing terrorist acts in US cities and then blaming them on Fidel Castro.

LIMITS TO FREEDOM

Post 9/11 it was not long before the other elements of the conspiracy theorists' earlier predictions began to take shape. The President – who once said, "There ought to be limits to freedom" – brought in the Homeland Security Act. Among other things, this allows for secret arrest and detention, mandatory vaccinations while giving vaccine manufacturers immunity from prosecution and for the monitoring of all personal communications and financial transactions – even library records. So there was no surprise when the war against Iraq materialised on the basis that Saddam Hussein was readying weapons of mass destruction to attack the Western world.

THE REAL WINNER

Unofficial recounts by news organisations found that if all the legally cast ballots in Florida had

been counted, Gore would have won Florida and thus the Presidency. American citizens now have less freedom than at any previous time in their history. Despite spending more than \$500 million post the second Gulf War on weapon inspection, no evidence that Saddam Hussein had massive stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction and was planning an attack has been produced to back up the official reasons for the war.

The main suspects

The skull and Bones

Like father like son, George W Bush is working on behalf of the Yale-based Skull and Bones secret society. Aside from performing strange rituals akin to esoteric Freemasonry mixed occult Nazi ceremonies and obtaining blackmail material on all members, their aims remain well hidden. However, with two recent presidents and a host of America's ruling elite coming from within their ranks, their connection to power is obvious.



CIA and American oil companies

As the CIA shaped the direction of his father's life and presidency, it is not unreasonable to believe that the CIA and their real paymasters in certain American oil companies are repeating history and pulling the strings of "Dubya". Wars benefiting US oil companies in Afghanistan and Iraq, and more power and money for the CIA have been noticeable outcomes of George II's time in the White House.

Or could it have been...

The British Royal Family

America's position as the most powerful, democratic country ever to have existed in world history is a cleverly constructed illusion. The Bush family is part of a network of bloodlines owing loyalty to the British monarchy who just pretended to lose the war of American Independence. The President's real job is to advocate policies that ensure the continuing success of the secret British Empire and bolster the finances of the House of Windsor.



Reptilian aliens

George W Bush is the latest in a line of puppet rulers installed in positions of power by reptilian aliens from the Draco system, who have been secretly running most of the world since 4000BC.

"A CLEVERLY CONSTRUCTED ILLUSION"

MINI ME

Did Dr Evil take over the world and has everything we experienced just been part of his cunning plan – including Mini-Me sitting in the Oval Office? It makes as much sense as some other George W theories. On the other hand though, Bush's path to becoming President certainly raises a few questions.

THE RISE OF HILLARY CLINTON

WILL REMOVING ANY OBSTACLE IN HER PATH LEAD HILLARY TO THE WHITE HOUSE?



When Hillary Rodham Clinton announced on a major televised interview that she and her husband Bill Clinton, were “victims of a vast right-wing conspiracy,”

she became the most famous supporter of a conspiracy theory in the world. But if she thought her shattering accusation, which stunned the American media, might gain her some sympathy and support from the hordes of conspiriologists who took an interest in her career, she was very mistaken.

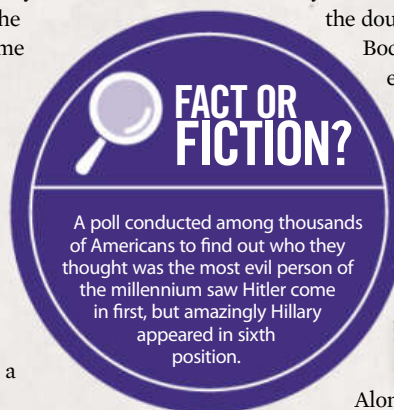
Hillary's favoured conspiracy theory saw her and her husband being attacked by a dark network of right-wingers. The conspiracy took in everyone from the editors of British tabloids to television evangelist Jerry Falwell. In her mind, the media interest in the Monica Lewinsky and Paula Jones sexual harassment charges against Bill Clinton and long-running investigation by independent counsel Kenneth Starr into the Whitewater scandal were “politically motivated”. G Gordon Liddy, one of the key players in the Watergate conspiracy, used his regular radio show to disclose that he used pictures of the First Lady for target practice and called her a “broomstick-riding witch”. Most conspiracy theorists, however, disagreed that this was proof of evil forces working against her. They were much more interested in digging out details surrounding a large number of people who had known or worked with Hillary and had subsequently died in suspicious circumstances.

Compiling what became known in conspiracy circles as the “Clinton Body Count”, researchers were startled to find that being a friend of Bill or Hillary Clinton seemed to be one of the most dangerous occupations on the planet. This was definitely the case if you had been involved in the Whitewater investment scandal or possessed evidence about the state

of their marriage or love lives. When President Clinton and his wife were finally cleared of acting illegally in the Arkansas land deal that became known as Whitewater, it was in a large part down to the fact that many of the key witnesses were dead. The Whitewater land deal was a failed Arkansas property venture in which the Clintons were involved when he was Governor of the state in the Eighties and Mrs Clinton was a partner in a local law firm.

After the highly convenient deaths, the evidence that remained, “was insufficient to prove to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt that either the President or Mrs Clinton knowingly participated in any criminal conduct”. However, according to the final report, “troubling questions remained over aspects of the deal” and “the Clintons should have known that something was wrong with their investments and made statements that were factually inaccurate”. It was highly fortunate for Hillary that no charges were brought against her as it would have almost stopped her becoming a Senator for New York and using the position as a stepping stone for

her campaign to run for President. However, as Hillary continues to make political progress, the doubts produced by the “Clinton Body Count” refuse to go away entirely. Could someone actually be silencing those who could embarrass her and prove an obstacle to America's First Lady making history as the first female occupant of the Oval Office?



THE DEATHS

Alongside two of the most notorious suicides in the annals of conspiracy research (those of investigative reporter Danny Casolaro and Vince Foster, former White House councillor, and colleague of Hillary Clinton at her Little Rock law firm), the shooting of Mary Cairtin Mahoney may have spared Hillary some further blushes. Mary was a former White House intern and her death came just days after it was rumoured that she was planning to disclose the story behind her sexual harassment. She was killed, along with two Starbucks employees, in a Washington branch of the coffee chain in a reputed robbery where nothing was taken. Mahoney was shot five times;



Next stop the White House? Where will Hillary Clinton's political ambitions take her?



The "Clinton Body Count" is rumoured to have paved the way for a successful career.

"AS HILLARY CONTINUES TO MAKE POLITICAL PROGRESS, THE DOUBTS PRODUCED BY THE "CLINTON BODY COUNT" REFUSE TO GO AWAY"

one of the shots was to the back of her head, gangland execution style. FBI agent Bradley Garrett arrested Carl Derek Cooper for the three murders and after 54 hours of questioning by Garrett and another agent, Cooper signed a confession that he immediately repudiated as soon as he got to court. Garrett was later put in charge of the Chandra Levy case.

TAKE HER DOWN

Former Democratic National Committee fundraiser Ron Brown was a close associate of Hillary. When he came under criminal investigation and indictment seemed imminent, Brown reportedly told a confidante that he would, "take her down with me". Days later, his plane crashed on the approach to Dubrovnik airport during a trade mission excursion to Croatia. Unable to draw firm conclusions, some military forensic investigators were alarmed by what appeared to be a .45-calibre bullet hole in the top of Brown's head.

CONSPIRACY QUEEN

Self-claimed victim of a vast conspiracy or perpetrator of one to kill anyone who could harm her chances of claiming the Presidency? Even if Hillary left politics behind and went to join a nunnery, there's a strong chance that nothing would change – she would still be the second most name-dropped woman in the conspiracy field, just behind Queen Elizabeth II. And if she becomes President, she might get that top spot.

The main suspects

Fourth International

As a student, Hillary supported a raft of extreme causes, including the Black Panthers, and attended events organised by admirers of communism. Some suspect that the former radical firebrand was recruited to join the secretive communist cadre – the Fourth International. Allegedly created by Trotsky to bring about through stealth a global communist state, Hillary could be the Fourth International's most likely chance of putting a secret communist in the Oval Office and starting the US on an incremental path towards socialism.



Or could it be...

Feminist Lesbian Sisterhood

Hillary is a secret lesbian, her marriage to Bill a sham arranged for their mutual political convenience, Chelsea Clinton a hired child actor and the ultimate aim of Ms Rodham is nothing less than to become the first female President of the USA. According to this line of conspiratorial thought, Hillary is the front woman for a fascist feminist lesbian group known as "The Sisterhood", which also includes Cherie Blair. Once Hillary is in the White House, The Sisterhood will use the massive powers of the President to instigate a coup and begin a matriarchal dictatorship.

The Medical Establishment

Even though she was not elected to any office, during her husband's two terms as President, Hillary Clinton took control of US health policy and tried to instigate radical changes in the health-care system. Seeing freedom to choose their own doctors and medical insurance providers taken out of their hands, some were convinced that Hillary was working on behalf of the Medical Establishment to further consolidate its control and enhance its power of life and death. With Hillary's support for medical experimentation and cloning, they fear new medical horrors would be guaranteed if she ever made it to the highest position in the land.



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HOW POWERFUL ARE THE MOB?



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planning to
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empire?



THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

DOES THE MONARCHY HAVE PLANS TO REBUILD THE BRITISH EMPIRE, AND WORLD DOMINATION?



The dramatic, ever-changing story of the Royal Family is perhaps the longest-running and most enjoyed soap opera the world has ever known.

Watched and adored by millions around the globe, the everyday routines of the British royals have become the stuff of dreams and form the material for endless discussion. When a major life event occurs in the Royal Family, whether it's a wedding or a birth, it becomes an excuse for international celebration. They are the Royal Family, and their lives take precedence over the perceived mundanity in the lives of their fans. In its current incarnation, the British Royal

Family stems from the House of Windsor, a family tree that can trace its roots to Germany. Under the stern eye of Queen Elizabeth II, the Royal Family has endured much in the past few years, but the death of Diana, in 1997, put the spotlight on the family with a white-hot glare not seen before. A world mourning the loss of Diana, its most beloved princess, watched to see how the family would react. But even as the memorial flowers that had mounted against the security fences surrounding royal homes were finally swept away, the story continued to unfold. Images of Diana and other members of the Royal Family are sold on everything from books and videos to commemorative tea towels.

But behind the smiles and waving hands, behind the castle gates and power of British tradition, just what is the Royal Family truly up to? What dark secrets lay hidden in their palatial closets? Are they really just nostalgic figureheads, or, like their plotting, politically-vicious predecessors, are they busy planning to seize power and create a renewed British Empire?

A ROYAL SCANDAL

When the Queen dramatically stopped the trial of Paul Burrell (Princess Diana's butler who was charged with theft of her possessions), she created a scandal that more than rivalled any toe-sucking or lurid phone-sex headlines caused by more junior members of her family. After it emerged that she had conveniently forgotten to tell police that Burrell was innocent until a few minutes before he was to take the stand, it also came to light that after Diana's death, the Queen had told Burrell to be beware of "dark forces" operating in the country.

REAL POWER

Queen Elizabeth II is among the richest women in the world, and is still head of the

British Commonwealth, a glaring anachronism in the days of blurring national boundaries and international culture.

Instead of being relegated to a secondary position of tradition, she still exerts a considerable amount of power, but uses it discreetly, proving that there's more to the Royal Family than they'd have us believe.

FACT OR FICTION?

The current Duke of Kent is head of the British Freemasons, a secret society long thought to be involved in the backroom machinations of world government. Could this point to the Royal Family having links to some of the most powerful people on Earth?

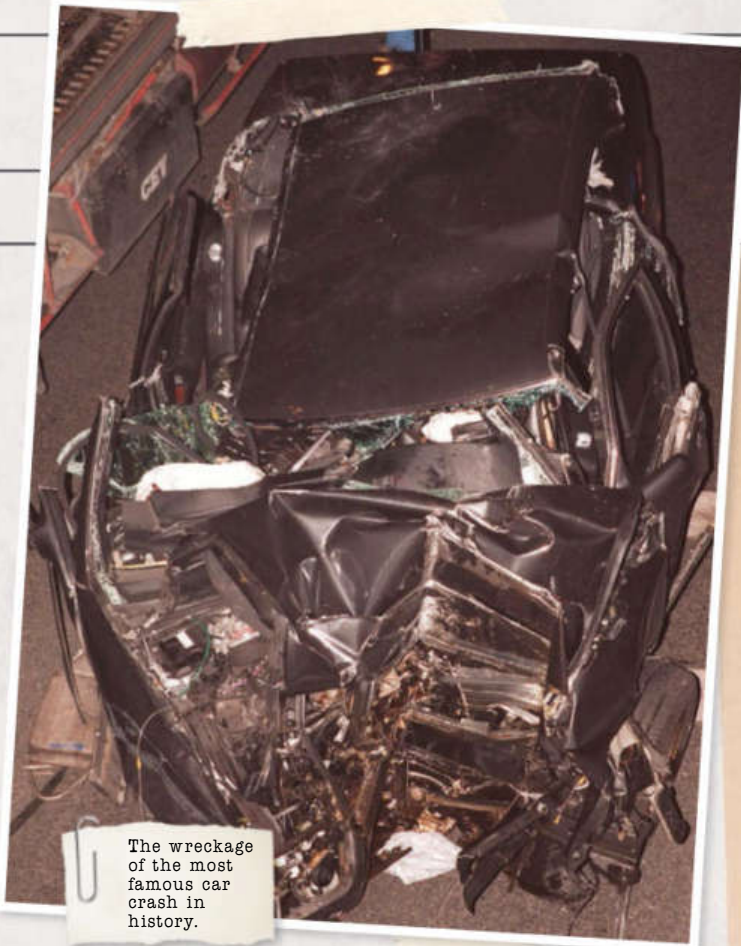
AN AGENDA

There are many people who don't feel as though the Royal Family have any place in today's society, and they would make up any stories to be heard.



Did the Royal Family feel Diana needed silencing, and an elaborate plan was hatched?





The wreckage of the most famous car crash in history.



Stories of weddings and royal babies could be used to cover-up more sinister news.

The main suspects

The Virginia Company

Some theorists believe that the Royal Family heads the mysterious Virginia Company – an organisation that aims to run the world. The fall from grace of the royal family could have been a cleverly orchestrated public relations campaign to disguise their plans for world domination – which is nothing short of a re-establishment of the glory days of the British Empire. While they continue to project an image of reserved dignity and eccentricity, the royals secretly manage all major banking institutions and top-level security forces like the KGB. There are even rumours that the Royal Family planned the American Revolution, and that to this day, they still rule sovereign over America's shores.



British shadow Government

The current Royal Family may be nothing more than it seems – an ongoing media circus. The constant engagements of royalty opening paint factories, giving speeches, or grabbing space in newspapers as they play polo may be designed to distract media and public attention from the activities of the British Shadow Government, an elite backroom conspiracy headed by ex-members of MI6. As their forces quietly pass legislation in the House of Commons or test weaponry that will facilitate the coming of the New World Order, the evening news pacifies the populace by showing Prince Harry getting his knee scraped on a games field.

Or could it be...

Imposters

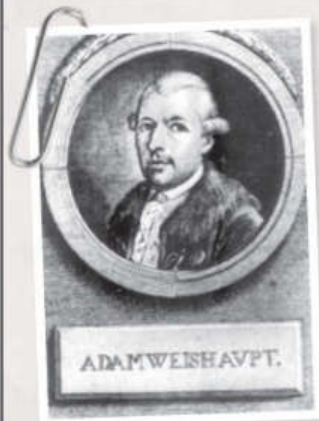
The current House of Windsor could be a family of imposters who lacked the apparently essential secret Bloodline of Christ. They orchestrated the murder of Diana because, as a Stuart, she alone possessed the true remnants of the Bloodline. Thought at first to be easily malleable to the policies of the Royal Family, Diana's strong spirit proved to be too much of a liability, and she was removed in a badly-managed assassination before she could inflict any more damage to the Windsors' plans.



“DIANA'S STRONG SPIRIT PROVED TO BE TOO MUCH OF A LIABILITY, AND SHE WAS REMOVED”

THE BAVARIAN ILLUMINATI

THE FAMOUS SECRET SOCIETY THAT COULD BE BEHIND LIFE'S GREATEST MYSTERIES



Adam Weishaupt was born in Ingolstadt, Germany on 6 February 1748. Educated by the Jesuits, he became Professor of Natural and Canon Law at the University of Ingolstadt in 1775, aged 27, and was initiated into the Masonic Lodge "Theodore of Good Council" in Munich, in 1777. He was a cosmopolitan man who despised the bigoted superstition of the priests of his time. He decided to establish an enlightened – or Illuminated – society to oppose injustice and this he did, forming the order that would become "The Illuminati of Bavaria" on 1 May 1776.

Originally called "The Order of the Perfectibilists", its object was to allow its members to team up in order to "attain the highest possible degree of morality and virtue, and to lay the foundation for the reformation of the world by the association of good men

to oppose the progress of moral evil." In collaboration with a range of other influential figures, including Baron Von Knigge, Xavier Zwack and Baron Bassus, Weishaupt developed an order that became extremely popular. Before long, some 2,000 people had enrolled as members. Lodges of the Illuminati were located in France, Italy, Poland, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium and Holland. The Bavarian authorities issued a suppressive Edict concerning the order on the 22 June 1784, which was repeated the following year in March and again in August. That same year, 1785, Weishaupt was stripped of his professorship and exiled from Bavaria.

Once it began to experience attempts at suppression, the order started to go into public decline

and by the end of the century it had apparently vanished completely. The authorities illegally raided Xavier Zwack's home in 1786 and the documents that were seized were used to help suppress the order.

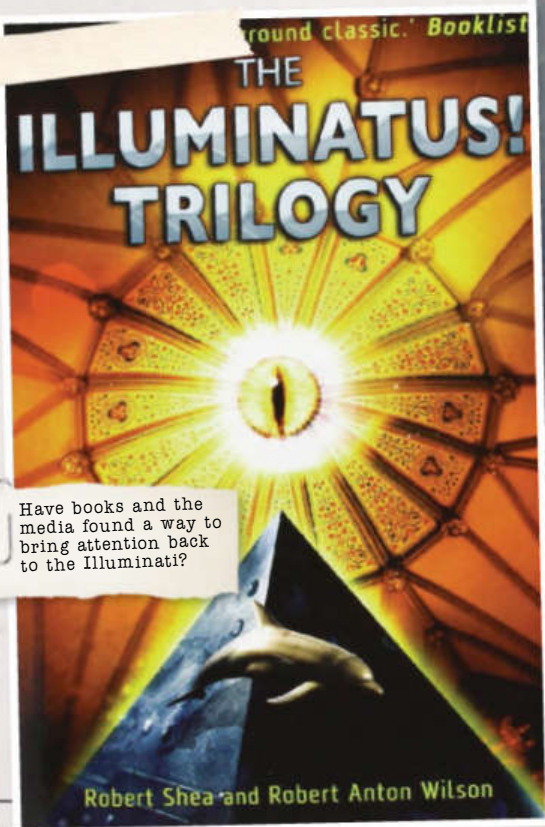
Most serious commentators take this decline at face value. The Encyclopaedia Britannica barely mentions the Illuminati, and the vast majority of historical sources follow suit, judging the order to be insignificant. Others feel that the Illuminati disbanded into Masonry, a movement that was infiltrated in much the same way as cancer takes over a healthy body. Since that time, they allege, the Illuminati have stayed within the Masons, seizing power and manipulating the whole order.

FACT OR FICTION?

Among the list of notable members of the Illuminati is the name Marquis Saint Germain de Constanzo. This seems likely to be The Marquis de Saint Germain, the man most commonly suspected of being the only true immortal known in the world. He has cropped up as a sorcerer, an alchemist and a wise man throughout medieval history. It's even claimed by some that Rasputin was a reincarnation of St Germain. Who better to help found the world's most successful Secret Society?

STRANGE HAPPENINGS

In 1906, the British Museum in London received a copy of a manuscript called *The Illuminati Protocols*. These first appeared in Bavaria in the late 18th Century, and Joly used parts in an 1864 play. The copy the British Museum received was written in Russian. It is also interesting that both Adam Smith's capitalist treatise *The Wealth of Nations* and that great democratic treatise the American Declaration of Independence were written in 1776. It has been suggested that Weishaupt may have been the mysterious Black-Cloaked Man who presented Washington with the text of the declaration. It is also rumoured that the raid on Zwack's house was spurred on by the chance interception in 1784 by the authorities of a document telling the head of the French Illuminati, Robespierre,



The Illuminati all-seeing eye on the US dollar bill.



Xavier Zwack helped develop the society alongside Weishaupt.

how to orchestrate the French Revolution in 1789. Warnings were ignored, and the revolution happened on schedule.

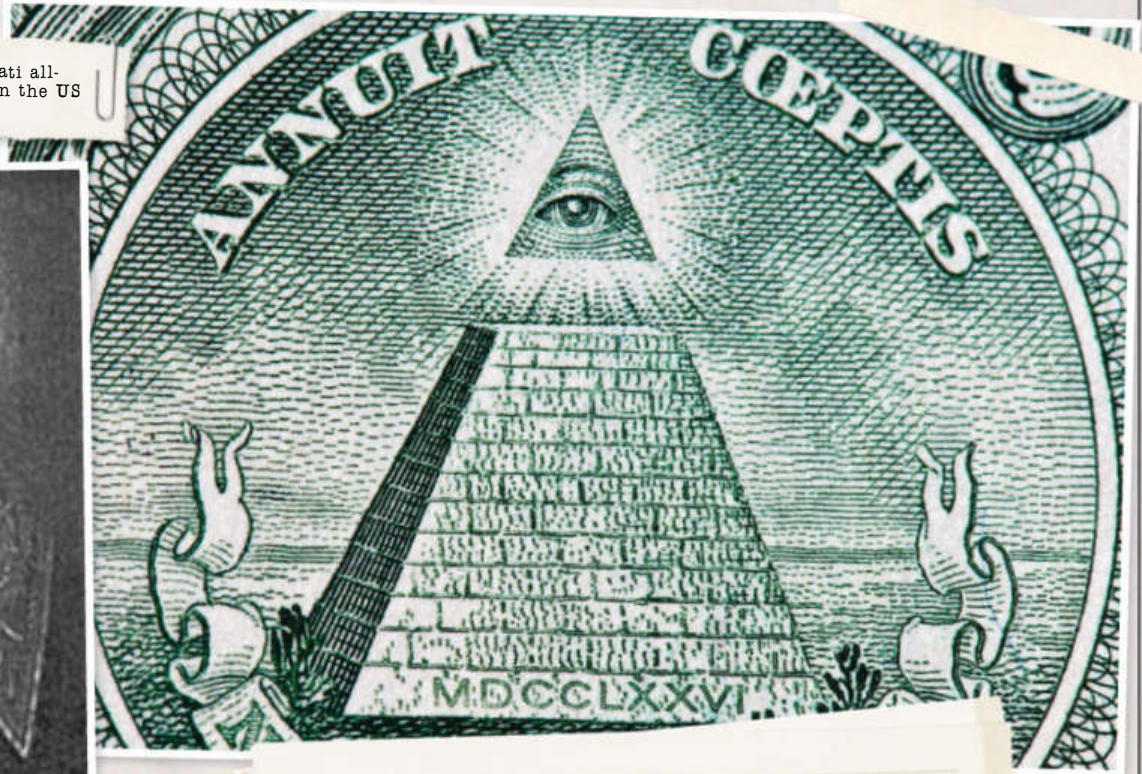
FREEMASON LINKS

In 1902 the Freemason William Westcott records receiving membership in the Order of the Perfectibilists from Theodor Reuss. Similarly, the occultist Eliphas Levi strongly connected the Bavarian Illuminati with Freemasonry in 1913.

A FOOTNOTE

There is, when you get down to it, no real evidence whatsoever to suggest that the Illuminati were anything other than a short-lived Bavarian secret society – just a lot of hearsay. If it hadn't been for *The Illuminatus! Trilogy* the Bavarian Illuminati would still be an obscure sect lost in the footnotes of history.

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The main suspects

Freemasons

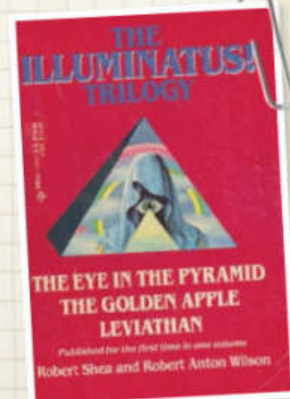
To achieve their goal, the Masons knew their real target – overthrowing all world government and organised religion in order to allow peace and liberty to prevail – had to remain concealed. So, in order to avoid promoting hysteria against themselves, and as a way of dealing with criticism and exposé, the Masons created the Illuminati as a front organisation to take the blame for any perceived misdeeds or shortcomings. It is a strategy that has worked brilliantly for two centuries.



Or could it be...

Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson

In the Seventies, Robert Shea and Robert Anton Wilson published a cult set of books called *The Illuminatus! Trilogy*. This was a novel masquerading as the largest conspiracy theory ever seen, disguised as a grand exposé of the Illuminati. It is this book that has set the Illuminati back in the public mind. Of course, no one claims that the trilogy is anything other than a good work of fiction – or that Robert Anton Wilson is the current chief of the Illuminati. ... do they?



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THE TEMPLARS

A SOCIETY THAT WIELDED GREAT POWER BUT CAME CRASHING DOWN – OR DID IT?



The First Crusade of the forces of Western Christendom to reclaim the holy sites of Palestine from Muslim forces took place between 1095 and 1099 AD. By the end of

the war, the Holy City of Jerusalem had been captured, and the Kingdom of Jerusalem had been created.

The Knights Templar was a monastic order that came into being some time around 1120 in Jerusalem in order to provide protection to the pilgrims from Europe visiting the Holy Land. Founded by a group of nine French knights, the order's full title was The Poor Knights of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon.

Within a few decades, the group grew substantially and became an officially sanctioned Christian order backed by the Pope and by the combined Monarchs of Europe.

The order's sponsor, and the man who drew up the codes of conduct and oaths of poverty that the members followed, was Cistercian Abbot St Bernard of Clairvaux, the chief spokesman of united Christendom, often called "The Second Pope". Because of their members' vows of poverty and the donations they took from the wealthy pilgrims they escorted, the Templars quickly became rich. With wealth came power, and back in Europe after the Crusades, the influence of the Knights Templar grew. Pope Innocent II had exempted the Templars from all authority other than that of

the Papacy, so they were exempt from law.

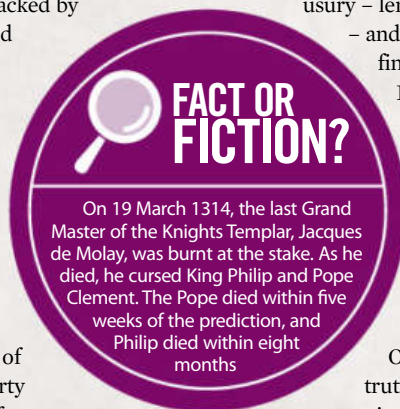
This same immunity allowed them to practise usury – lending of money for interest – and they became major financiers to European kings.

In the process, they created a structure that would later become the banking and finance industry.

Perhaps making use of their legal immunities, the Templars held secret meetings and rituals at which the business of the Order was conducted. The

truth of what went on at these meetings has long been debated, but whether it was Satanic worship or financial strategic discussions, the end was the same.

By the start of the 14th Century, King Philip "The Fair" of France was deeply in debt to the Templars. Rather than repay them, he chose to conspire with the Pope, Clement V, who resented Templar influence. On 13 October 1307, Philip had the Templars arrested for Heresy, which allowed him to seize all their funds and torture the knights into confessing to a variety of bad deeds, including demon-worship, possession of occult powers, trampling the Cross, and sodomy. On 22 March 1312, the Order was formally dissolved by Clement V's Papal Bull entitled "Vox In Excelso".

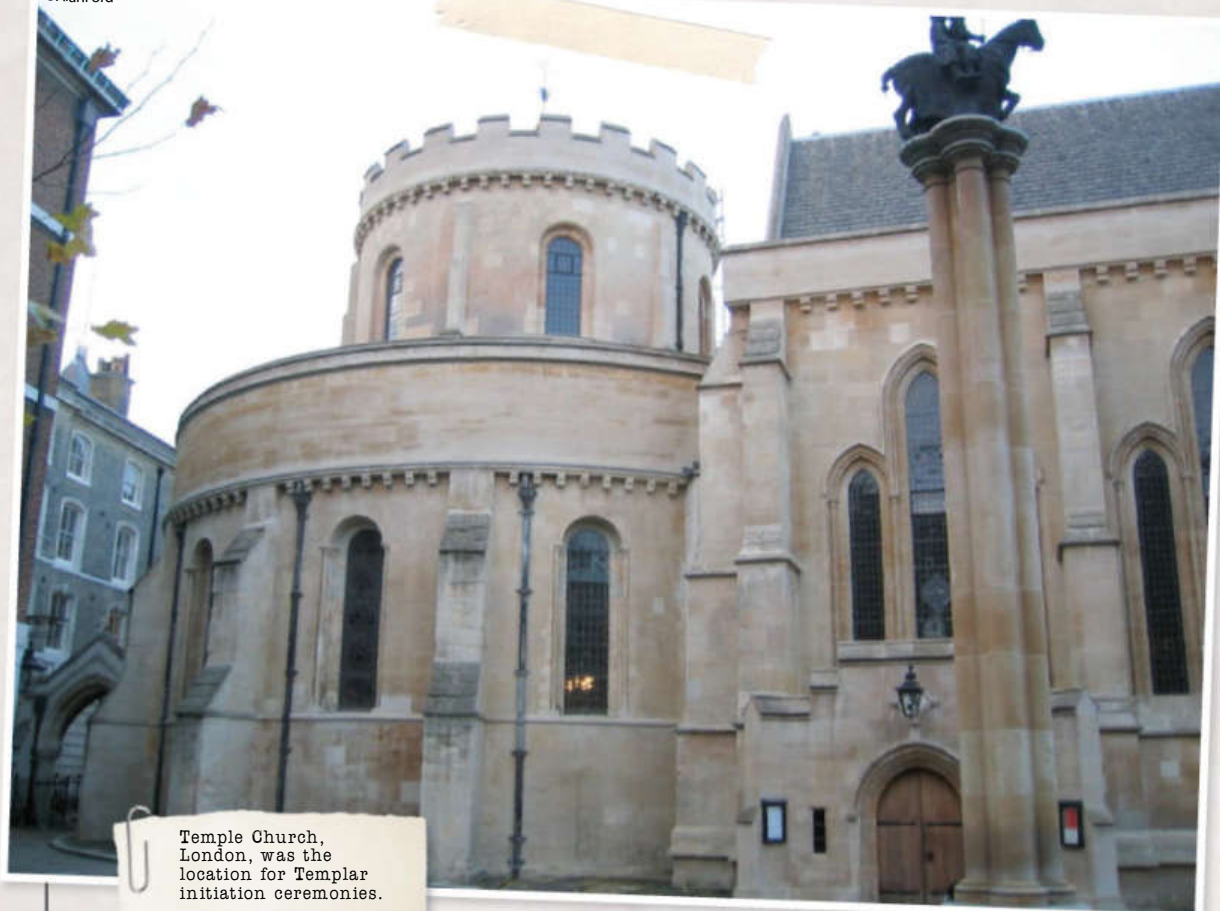


On 19 March 1314, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Jacques de Molay, was burnt at the stake. As he died, he cursed King Philip and Pope Clement. The Pope died within five weeks of the prediction, and Philip died within eight months.

HOLDING ON TO POWER

It has long been held that Freemasonry was formed from the dying embers of the Knights Templar. Many Templars fled from Europe to Scotland, where the Order was not suppressed. It is suspected that the Order survives to the present day, both within Freemasonry and separate to it as an individual organisation. Long used to manipulating

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Temple Church, London, was the location for Templar initiation ceremonies.

governments and finance, the Templars have kept light hold on the reins of power, and still sit in the background of Western society, waiting for the right moment to reveal themselves again.

COMPELLING
EVIDENCE

One of the most compelling pieces of evidence for the continued existence of the Templars is the existence of the Templar Research Institute, part of a mysterious group known as CIRCES International Inc, a non-profit-based fraternal charity. According to its charter, the Templar Research Institute is dedicated to chivalry, but conspiracy theorists – as they usually do – have their doubts.

A BELIEVABLE
ENDING

There is no need to look any deeper into the mystery of the Templars than the obvious facts. A greedy King and an unscrupulous Pope wanted to get rid of their enemies, so they trumped up a load of charges and tortured the Templars for confessions, then shut the order down.

The main suspects

The Freemasons

There is a fair amount of evidence to link the Templars to the Freemasons. Several Masonic degrees and rites draw explicitly on Templar imagery, and even use Templar titles. Given that the Order fled to Scotland and that there is a Scottish Rite (or branch; the three Rites are theoretically separate organisations) of Freemasonry, the Templars could well have become the Freemasons, which would leave them still in power at the beginning of the 21st Century.



Or could it be...

The Assassins

The famed Assassins of the Middle East were the fighting force of the Ismaili Sect of Islam – ruled today by the Aga Khan. Known to work via infiltration, the Assassins may have compromised the Knights Templar during the Crusades as a way of gaining a foothold in the Western world – a foothold on which they have been building ever since.



**“SEVERAL MASONIC DEGREES
AND RITES DRAW EXPLICITLY ON
TEMPLAR IMAGERY”**



The first headquarters of the Knights Templar, on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

WHO ARE THE FREEMASONS?

HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT, HAS THIS SECRET SOCIETY BEEN FORMING A PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION?



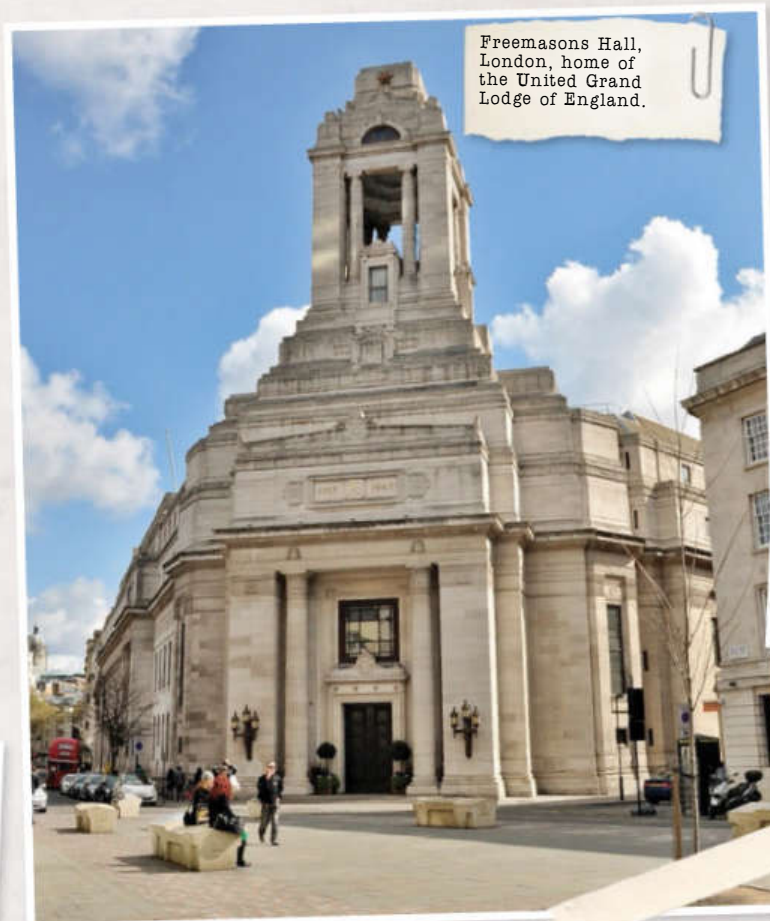
Knock three times. The Masonic Rites underpin one of the oldest, and certainly by far the most successful, of the secret societies.

Potential candidates –

those who would like to be admitted – have to find a known Mason and ask, on three separate occasions, to be considered for membership. Only after the third request is the Mason allowed to acknowledge having heard the plea. Admission to the Masons is rigorously policed, and while any member is free to admit their own membership, they may not reveal any other member's name, or any ritual or decision

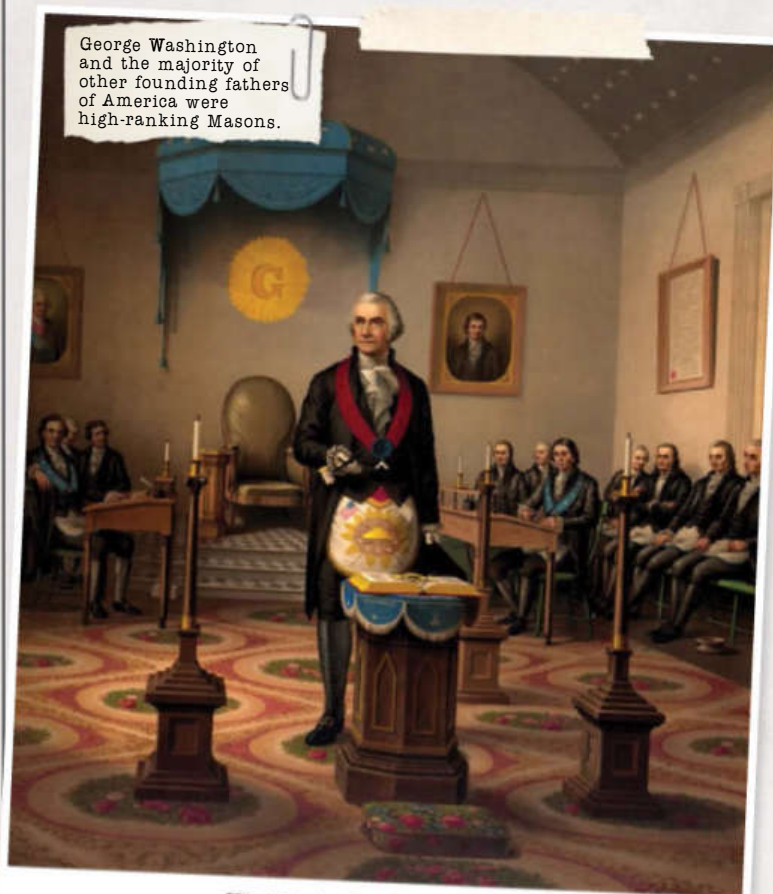
internal to the craft. In this way, the Masonic Rites have, for centuries, made sure that only the right people get in – but what sort of people are considered to be right?

Certain groups maintain that Masonry is working to take over the world. There is no doubt that many important or influential people – politicians, policemen, lawyers, cardinals and bishops, media tycoons, celebrities and so on – are Freemasons. In many cases, it is a matter of public record. Bill Cooper, a major conspiracy writer, claims (perhaps somewhat



Freemasons Hall, London, home of the United Grand Lodge of England.

George Washington and the majority of other founding fathers of America were high-ranking Masons.



Washington As Master Mason.

Standing over a meeting of the LODGE at ALEXANDRIA, VA. 1791 which he was a member & several preparing to the lodge of the 1st. Order. One of the members & acted by him on the 14th of September, 1791. The picture of the lodge with which the Grand Lodge of the United States has been carefully preserved, is here represented as they appeared in that meeting. The figure was introduced and presented to Washington by the Master of the Lodge.

Artist: Howard Chandler Christy

enthusiastically) that: "The Masons are major players in the struggle for world domination". He goes on to say that the infamous Italian P2 lodge, implicated in the murder of Roberto Calvi, has connections with the Vatican and with the CIA. He also claims that P2 persuaded Pope John Paul II to admit Freemasons to the higher ranks of Vatican officials.

Many of his beliefs were based on fully provable links between the CIA, the Mafia, the Vatican, the British

Royal Family and Freemasonry. He also claimed it was possible to trace Masonic influence in the selection of political leaders of various ruling parties across the globe.

LESS HOLY

It may or may not be significant that the Masonic term for non-Masons is "Profanes", implying that the rest of us are less sanctified, or less holy, than they are. It seems a strangely intolerant term for what is a supposedly benevolent organisation.

POWER STRUGGLE

Former 33rd-degree Freemason Jim Shaw revealed in his book, *The Deadly Deception*, that even the supposed highest level of Freemasonry is just a lower rung for another Freemason controlled pyramid-based power structure. Through his time as a high-ranking Mason, Shaw was able to gather convincing evidence that, at the levels kept secret from even Masons who



A Freemason Lodge in Palazzo Roffia, Florence set out for French (Moderns) ritual.

think they are in control of the Brotherhood, is a powerful group who have “gone higher” and really pull the strings of the Secret Society.

NOT SO EVIL

The great majority of Freemasons are respectable, upstanding professionals and business people with busy careers and family lives, and every year the Masonic lodges donate a fortune to charity and charitable work. Many priests and vicars are Freemasons, and the order is open to all religions. It seems unlikely that so many decent people are in fact working for Satan, and it is certainly hard to imagine exactly how helping to organise a school jumble sale is playing straight into the hands of Evil Forces. Apart from anything else, Masons have no reason to support the dark side in the hope of gaining favour – most of them are already successful before they join. Not only are the Masons probably one of the oldest and most successful secret societies, they are also the most-blamed by conspiracy theorists, which seems a little unfair given that they are ostensibly an organisation devoted to charity, brotherhood and the search for truth. But then, you don't know if the Masons have made us write that...



FACT OR FICTION?

Despite the fact that some Masons claim the origins of the Brotherhood go back to ancient Egypt, there can be no doubt that the ceremonies of Knights Templar had a huge impact on most of the rituals conducted within Freemasonry. However, the elements of Masonic ritual designed to allow a Freemason to control his emotions and energies to perform magical feats do seem to hark back to an even older period of history, so there might be some truth to this theory.

The main suspects

The Illuminati

The mystery traditions in general, to which Masonry traces many rituals, frequently used the term “Illuminated” to refer to a person who was a member. This has been taken to signify a link to Adam Weishaupt's Illuminati, who were officially announced to the world on 1 May 1776 in Bavaria. The Illuminati were supposedly controlling world events for hundreds of years before that date, and are still in power now. Could the Masons be under the control of the Illuminati?



The New World Order

Because their numbers include so many powerful people, the Masons are suspected by some theorists of being lynch-pins in the New World Order, the movement towards a unified, global population with no religion, a centralised government and limited technology.

Or could it be...

Satan

The most popular accusation levelled at Masons is that they are in league with the Devil. The hidden nature of their rituals, along with the occult imagery employed, has led many Christian groups to denounce Freemasonry as working for the forces of Evil.



“COULD MASONS BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ILLUMINATI?”



It is easy to see why the Freemasons are also known as the funny handshake brigade.

NEW WORLD ORDER

DISCOVER HOW THE NWO PLANS TO UNIFY THE WORLD AND BRING PEACE AND HARMONY



There is, within society, a highly organised cabal of world leaders, bankers, religious figures and business gurus who have a vision of a

united Earth. These VIPs, along with certain powerful but secretive mystical adepts, and a smattering of seemingly ordinary people, form the leadership of the NWO, the New World Order. They – and their predecessors – have been manipulating world events for centuries in order to bring about their goal.

The NWO has several very specific aims in mind. The peoples of the Earth must be united under one governmental body, sweeping away nationalist divides and replacing patriotic bigotry with belief in the common bonds of humanity. There is to be one currency, one language, one fair set of laws, and one race. Religion is another major source of conflict, so it is to be abolished.

National armies will no longer be necessary in the New World Order, so they can be abolished too. Because pollution is destroying the biosphere, our consumption of industrial technology will have to be reduced, and we must get back to nature. Half of the Earth's surface will be given back to nature for "rewilding", so that we don't kill the planet. Finally, universal education, contraception and certain tax incentives will allow the planet's population to be reduced to just 2 billion, a third of its current size. It all sounds rather pleasant really, doesn't it?

Apparently not. There are those who believe that succumbing to the NWO's outrageous plans would just be the start of

"NATIONAL ARMIES WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER, SO THEY CAN BE ABOLISHED"

a servile bondage so vile that it can barely be mentioned. The fact remains that the NWO is prepared to use any and all means necessary to achieve its ends. The leaders of the New World Order clearly see that society is killing the world, and if two-thirds of the Earth's population has to be slaughtered to save the remaining third, then that is 2 billion lives saved, rather than 4 billion needlessly wasted, or so the reasoning goes.

The New World Order has long held a drive to terrorise and traumatise the populace into accepting one central government – this is an easier path than using reason. The first stage involves achieving a global infosphere of media networks that can be manipulated. With the advent of the Internet and satellite communications, this has been achieved. As part of the drive to scare us, the NWO is directly responsible for both World Wars, global warming, heroin, crack, serial killers, cancer, genetically modified food, daytime

television, AIDS, Kurt Cobain, Hiroshima, and in fact everything else wrong with the world. They are the "Them" that we've all been talking

about for so long. They are prepared to kill any and almost all of us, if They have to, in order to save us.



FACT OR FICTION?

Some surprising people have been trying to expose the NWO. Dr Johannes Koepl was a special advisor to the German defence ministry and NATO has warned that the NWO is real and they want a "take-over of world governments". Koepl is certainly in a position to know about these things, having made presentations to both the Bilderberg Group and the Trilateral Commission. Not surprisingly, as soon as Koepl went public with his views, his political and media commentator careers were suddenly ended.

THE TESTING GROUND

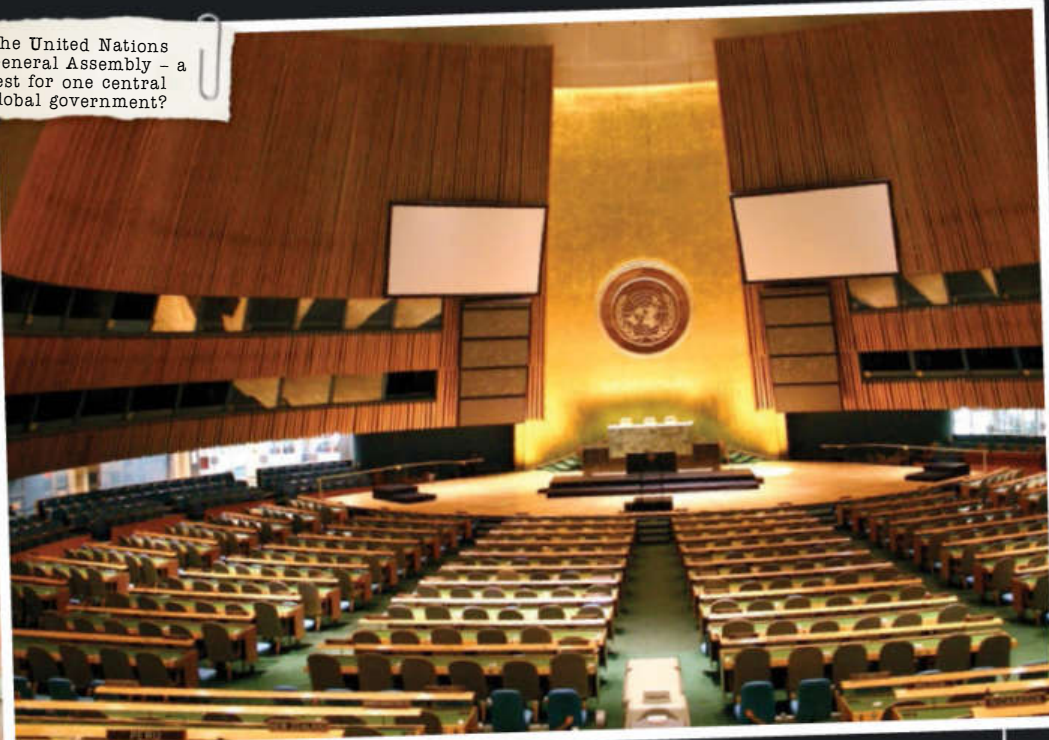
To help make the idea of one central government more palatable, the NWO created the

United Nations, a prototype for the planned political structure. In addition, they divided the world into three significant power blocs, in the forms of NATO (the West), the Warsaw Pact (the Soviet states), and SEATO (everyone else). These blocs were designed to provide sufficient tension that people would wish for unification, while also showing that countries could work within organisations larger than themselves profitably.



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The United Nations General Assembly – a test for one central global government?



Some see the Euro as one element of the NWO's plan for a single global currency.

SINGLE CURRENCY

The launch of the Euro, a common pan-European currency, is another clear step to smoothing the way for integration. Despite the radically different natures of the European economies, one currency with a fixed value is supposed to be sustainable, a move clearly aimed at eroding traditional sovereignty. Furthermore, the euro is made up of dollars and cents, which is obviously to pave the way for a unification with the dollar early in the 21st Century.

A TOUGH TASK

Given the difficulty that most governments seem to have merely organising their own internal financial flow, it would be astonishing if such a group of people – all of whom are going to have their own vested interests – could organise events in the world at large to such an amazing degree. If the Devil is behind it all, what does he care if we are one nation or 200?

The main suspects

The Illuminati

When Adam Weishaupt founded the Bavarian Illuminati in 1776, it was with the express purpose of taking over the world. In typical Illuminati style they have infiltrated every organisation with any degree of significant power in every country over the years to place themselves in the position to bring their order to the point of absolute global control. When the NWO is firmly in control, the "Illuminated Ones" will come out of the shadows and reveal themselves as the real masters.



The United Nations

Fed up of being caught between the US and Russia, the United Nations has decided that it is best suited to the job of running the world. Only the United Nations has the breadth of vision to represent all the peoples of the Earth fairly.

Or could it be...

Satan

The driving force behind the New World Order is the Devil. Once the NWO has come into power, it will elect the Antichrist as leader, and then the End Times (the "Tribulation") will be upon us.

The Greys

According to some, the Greys long ago took control of the highest authorities on the globe and are the real power behind the NWO. When it is established and large sections of humanity are disposed of, it will be much easier for them to run the planet.



DOES THE KGB STILL EXIST?

IS THIS SOVIET SECURITY FORCE JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO TAKE ACTION?



Dzerzhinsky and the air resounded with the sound of it shattering into hundreds of pieces. For years his figure had looked across the square that bore his name towards the infamous headquarters of the KGB – the Lubyanka.

Dzerzhinsky was the mastermind behind the Red Terror that allowed the Communists to seize and hold on to power after the overthrow of the Tsar in the 1917 October Revolution. He created the Cheka secret police that over the years mutated into the Committee of State Security – more commonly known by the initials KGB – the most dreaded and pervasive

intelligence-gathering network the world has ever seen.

The KGB (Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti) was responsible for defending the Soviet Communist regime against internal and external enemies. When the statue of its founder was destroyed, it was symbolic of the breaking of the hold the KGB had on every Soviet citizen. During the Cold War, wherever there was a hint of conspiracy there was also a rumour of KGB involvement. Some conspiracy buffs believe that the world's largest covert organisation did not

even owe allegiance to Communism, but existed only to serve its own mysterious ends.

In theory the KGB was responsible to the Soviet Council of Ministers; in practice it took

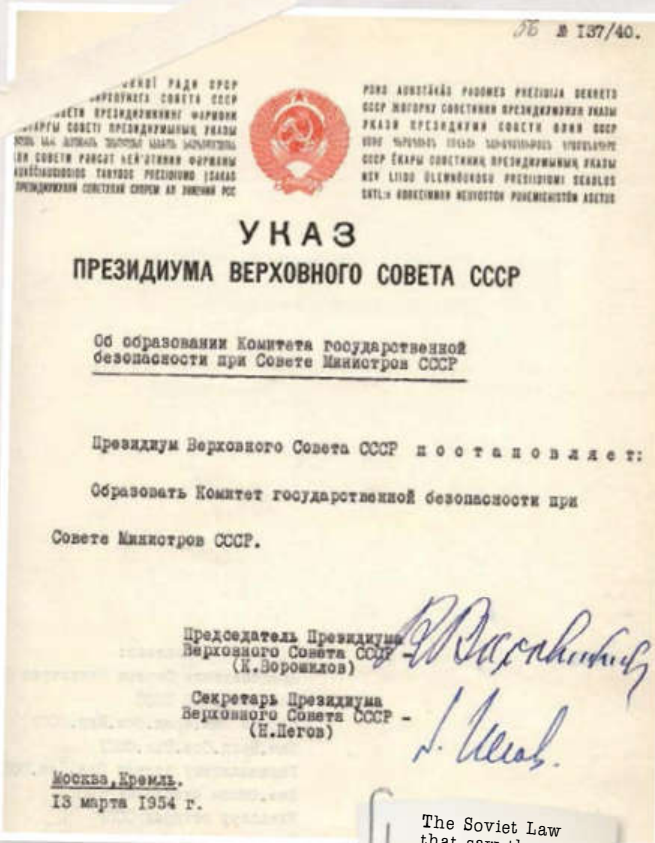
its orders directly from the USSR's ruling politburo – if it took orders at all. With the collapse of the Soviet Union and the dismantling of the KGB in 1991, commentators were quick to describe the organisation as “lost



FACT OR FICTION?

When Russian voters backed Putin as President, they were voting for another KGB creation. He is a former spy who also headed the Federal Security Service – the official successor of the KGB. Often seen on TV practising the martial art prowess that comes from KGB training, no one has discovered his exact role within the KGB between 1975 and 1989. However, Putin has spoken more than once of the need for a “dictatorship of the law” and some see his rule as being merely a KGB dry run before Zhirinovsky is installed.

Vladimir Putin, the current Russian President, is just one of many Russian politicians who were former agents of the KGB.



The Soviet Law that saw the introduction of the KGB in 1954.

to history”. Some conspiriologists are not so certain that KGB's awesome, globe-spanning power has been brought to an end.

To many it seemed suspicious that the KGB – which had controlled the Soviet population using fear and an extensive network of secret informers – had allowed the USSR to collapse with barely a pretence of opposition. Particularly as the KGB has a supervisory influence on the Soviet army. Conspiracy theorists believe that the apparent end of the Soviet Union and the KGB was merely a cover for an insidious KGB plot to consolidate its power and bring about an even stronger Russian empire.

RUSSIAN HITLER

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, Russia has been sliding into anarchy. One of the main beneficiaries of this has been Vladimir Zhirinovsky – leader of the extreme nationalist Liberal Democratic Party. Millions of Russians have agreed with his statement: “What Russia needs now is a dictator, when I come to power

I will be that dictator", voting for him in presidential and parliamentary elections.

With links to ultra-right groups in Germany, to the Russian mafia and even to Saddam Hussein, Zhirinovsky is a potential Russian Hitler with a huge arsenal of nuclear weaponry at his disposal – an arsenal he has threatened to use. Perhaps the most worrying fact is that Zhirinovsky was a secret KGB agent. Some of his former associates claim he is being prepared for power by the ex-leaders of the allegedly disbanded secret police and espionage agency.

RULE OF THE KGB

Former president of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev denies the accusation made by some conspiracy theorists that he instructed the KGB to create Zhirinovsky's Liberal Democratic Party. However, he does admit the possibility that the former secret police are controlling Zhirinovsky. Gorbachev has stated: "Can the KGB create a whole party? Zhirinovsky is a remarkable actor; it is very important to find out who is directing him, who is behind him."

MEGALOMANIC

There is very little solid evidence of the KGB surviving the disbanding process. History shows that anti-Semitism and severe economic woe are sometimes all the reasons that are needed to explain the rise of a megalomaniac, would-be world dictator. But only time will tell what the future holds...

The main suspects

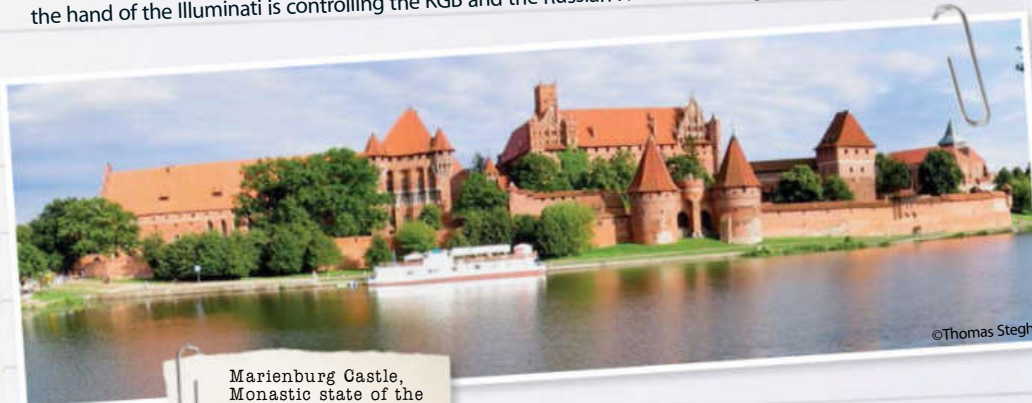
Freemasons

It is well established that the KGB infiltrated Masonic organisations as part of its attempt to place its agents in the British government and security services. However, it is suspected that the traffic was two-way and that the Freemasons penetrated deep within the leadership of the Committee of State Security and managed to take control of it. Some conspiracy theorists now feel the KGB and its plans to recreate a Russian Empire are merely part of a larger Masonic plot to achieve world domination.



Bavarian Illuminati

Even some orthodox historians are beginning to recognise the key role that several secret societies and occult orders had on the creation of Nazi Germany and Hitler. Behind many of these groups is the spectre of the Bavarian Illuminati – whose modus operandi is to stay in the shadows, take control of other clandestine organisations, and then work through them. Could the Illuminati have followed an age-old pattern and subverted the KGB? Given that Zhirinovsky has close links to German right-wing groups with fascist origins it could be that the hand of the Illuminati is controlling the KGB and the Russian Hitler-in-waiting.

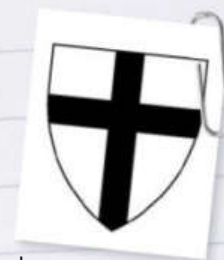


Marienburg Castle, Monastic state of the Teutonic Knights, now Malbork, Poland.

Or could it be...

Teutonic Knights

The Germanic protégés of the Knights Templar, the Teutonic Knights once controlled the independent principality Ordensland that covered Finland, Prussia and large tracts of Russia. Once they lost their powerbase in the 14th Century, the Teutonic Knights became a secret society determined to regain the lost lands. Some conspiriologists believe that the Teutonic Knights were the hidden power behind the Tsars and, that when the Russian Royal Family became hard to control, masterminded the revolution and infiltrated the new secret police. In this conspiracy scenario, the Teutonic Knights staged the disintegration of the USSR and the KGB in order to form a fascist state that would have more popular support and therefore be easier to control.



Lubyanka Square in Moscow, with the statue of Felix Dzerzhinsky front and centre.

THE VATICAN

COULD THE VATICAN BE HOME TO AN ORGANISATION DETERMINED TO CONTROL THE WORLD?



The heart of the Roman Catholic faith can be found in the Vatican, the palatial home of the Pope, the spiritual leader of all Roman Catholics worldwide.

The Holy See, with the surrounding Vatican City, exists as an independent papal state in Rome and is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic faith. It stretches over an area of 44 hectares, with an estimated population of 850 people. The Vatican is fully independent from Italy, with its own currency, its own radio station, and a police force.

But even the most seemingly benevolent of institutions can be corrupted by the addictive taste for power. With its unbreakable dual hold of tradition and religion on the world's millions of Roman Catholics, the establishment within the Vatican walls may have been corrupted by power, which has polluted the spiritual atmosphere with human greed. With the power and wealth



Being Pope is a dangerous job as the attempted assassination of John Paul II showed.

that the Vatican has amassed over the centuries, politics are unavoidable and may have taken precedence over the need to care for people.

Few can say what secrets are hidden in the Holy See, but as the Vatican continues to put

forth an altruistic image of goodwill, there may be an undercurrent of darkness that even many in the Holy See are unaware of.

“THE VATICAN IS FULLY INDEPENDENT FROM ITALY, WITH ITS OWN CURRENCY, ITS OWN RADIO STATION, AND A POLICE FORCE”



What secrets could be housed within the walls of the Vatican?

ANOMALIES

When Pope John Paul I died, he had allegedly been in bed reading papers that connected the Mafia to the Vatican. When he was discovered, the papers had disappeared. Furthermore, no public death certificate was issued. John Paul was embalmed just 12 hours after he was found dead, even though Italian law clearly states that 24 hours must elapse before embalming.

THE STASI

But conspiracies within the Vatican did not stop with the death of John Paul I. His successor faced two assassination attempts displaying worrying links to the Stasi – the secret police of East Germany. In 1998, a member of the Swiss Guard murdered his superior and his wife. Dismissed by the Vatican as purely an unfortunate case of madness, the murdered man – Alois Estermann – was rumoured to have links to the Stasi. What is even more interesting is that he had saved the Pope in 1981 by blocking the line of fire. So was Estermann killed by the Vatican – or someone connected to the assassination attempt to prevent those potentially embarrassing ties becoming public?



FACT OR FICTION?

For over 500 years, papal candidates had to undergo the test of the sella stercoraria. Candidates had to sit in a chair with a hole in the seat so their genitals could be examined. Once everyone was convinced of their masculinity, he could become Pope.

LEAP OF FAITH

With millions of religious followers, it's easy to suggest that the Roman Catholic church could use its power to persuade people into their way of thinking. However, it's not surprising that they have some links to governments and high-powered individuals around the world, plus not everyone is motivated by power.



The circumstances surrounding the death of Pope John Paul I have long been questioned.

The main suspects

The Mafia

Mafia influences had long been suspected of playing a key role in many aspects of the Vatican. This alleged influence came under close scrutiny following the death of Pope John Paul I. Assuming the mantle of Pontiff, the popular Pope almost certainly began to uncover deep levels of corruption within the Vatican, including direct ties to the Mob through the Vatican bank. To prevent him taking action to end the corruption, the Mafia and their men in the Vatican may have murdered the Pope.



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Ultra-Conservative Catholics

John Paul I was set to revolutionise the Catholic faith by allowing birth control and instigating moves to redistribute some of the Church's enormous wealth. These two moves were enough to upset staunch conservatives and insiders within the Holy See. After he was found dead in his bed on 28 September 1978, a new Pope was chosen – one who, not surprisingly, was far more conservative than his predecessor.

Or could it be...

P2 Masonic Lodge

When the body of the head of the Vatican bank, Roberto Calvi, was found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London in 1982, it blew the lid off many sordid dealings within the Vatican. The incident also brought to light the power of the P2 Masonic Lodge. With members of the Mob, archbishops and top Italian politicians all involved with a group banned by the Catholic Church, many wondered if P2 had been involved in John Paul I's death. An investigation into their activities would have been disastrous for them and with a membership that included CIA agents; planning and carrying out a conspiracy was well within the ability and power.



Aliens

Rumours have surfaced that the Vatican has a direct line to the Hubble space telescope, and was aware that the Hale Bopp comet carried a "companion", thought to be an alien spacecraft. Connections between the Vatican and this spacecraft are pure speculation, but reportedly the Pope was directly involved in the situation, receiving up-to-date emails on the subject. One of the reasons for such concern about life elsewhere is the Vatican's worries over whether the symbolic significance of the death of Christ – which absolved all humanity from the taint of original sin – would also apply to aliens. Members of the Pope's staff have already considered converting any aliens discovered to Catholicism.

THE ROLE OF THE CIA

COULD THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BE BEHIND THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE?



Everyone is suspicious of spy agencies; what would be the point of a covert operations organisation that freely admitted what it was doing? In

the USA the CIA is up against a highly liberal Freedom of Information Act – a problem that few of its counterparts in other countries have to deal with. It is the uneasy mix of information and misinformation surrounding the CIA that makes it such a popular target for conspiratorial speculation.

The accusation that most often lands on The Company's doorstep though, is that it sells drugs to people. Supposedly to Contras and rebels throughout South America in the first instance, to help raise cash for the anti-Communist cause and destabilise local countries. Then Africa was supposed to be the target of drug sales, to help raise independent finance for certain operational budgets that CIA chiefs didn't want Washington to know about even as expenses claims. More recently, the accusation is that the CIA was the force behind the American crack cocaine explosion of the Eighties.

The idea might seem quite a good one – at least to a particularly cynical and sadistic manipulator. Devise a new drug that is extremely addictive, extremely debilitating to the user, and can be sold for large amounts of money. Then distribute it to the dealers who service the ghettos and other poor black areas until there's a huge demand economy set up. Once it's firmly entrenched, simply hand over production to the locals, and let them get on with it. The result? Instant internal warfare in those poor quarters.

The overall plan sees the unfortunate citizens in the ghettos so totally distracted

by crack – being on it, looking for it, making it, selling it, fighting over its distribution, and finally killing themselves with it – that they wouldn't have any time left to hassle nice middle-class Caucasians. Strangely enough, the drugs wars have indeed kept the poor and marginalised more or less out of the way.

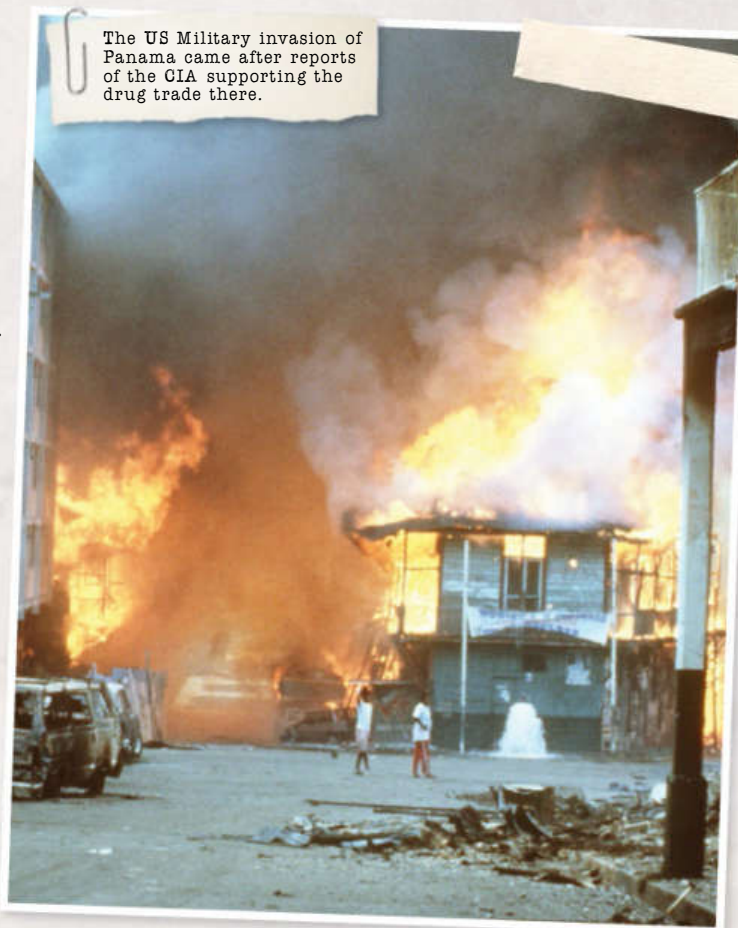
Despite the general opinion of the public, amateur and petty criminals such as junkies usually prey on their own social groups. The poor tend to rob other poor people, or better-off people passing through. It normally takes a bolder, more dedicated thief to go into good neighbourhoods and risk the greatly increased police presence, better burglar alarms, and other hindrances to easy pickings. Encourage such an addictive drug in the poor areas, and, with the police presence

differential between bad areas (not many of them around) and good areas (plenty of them around), you keep all those potentially rebellious and troublesome marginal people safely out of the way, busy killing one another.

The *San Jose Mercury* published a series, in 1996, detailing supposed CIA involvement in the crack trade. The series was well-researched and carefully thought out, and made some pretty thought-provoking suggestions.

The vast bulk of the American press responded with nothing but vitriol for Gary Webb, the reporter who had uncovered the story. The *Washington Post* and the *Los Angeles*

The US Military invasion of Panama came after reports of the CIA supporting the drug trade there.



Times both conducted thorough investigations of Webb's investigation, and found nothing to substantiate his information. Even so, the CIA launched its own "full internal investigation" – described by the *Los Angeles Times* as "the most intensive in their history" – the complete results of which were never published, suggesting it possibly wasn't as intensive as first thought....

A JOKE

Retired CIA agents who were interviewed as part of the investigation described it as a joke. Duane Clarridge, Chief of Cover Ops for Latin America in the Eighties, called the questions "nonsense" and refused to answer. He was interviewed by questionnaire, and returned it blank. Very thorough... Others described the questions as "going through the motions". Former CIA officer Donald Winters said that the interview began with the CIA stating that it held "no substantive evidence that any of the allegations in the San Jose article had any basis" – hardly an aggressive questioning stance.



FACT OR FICTION?

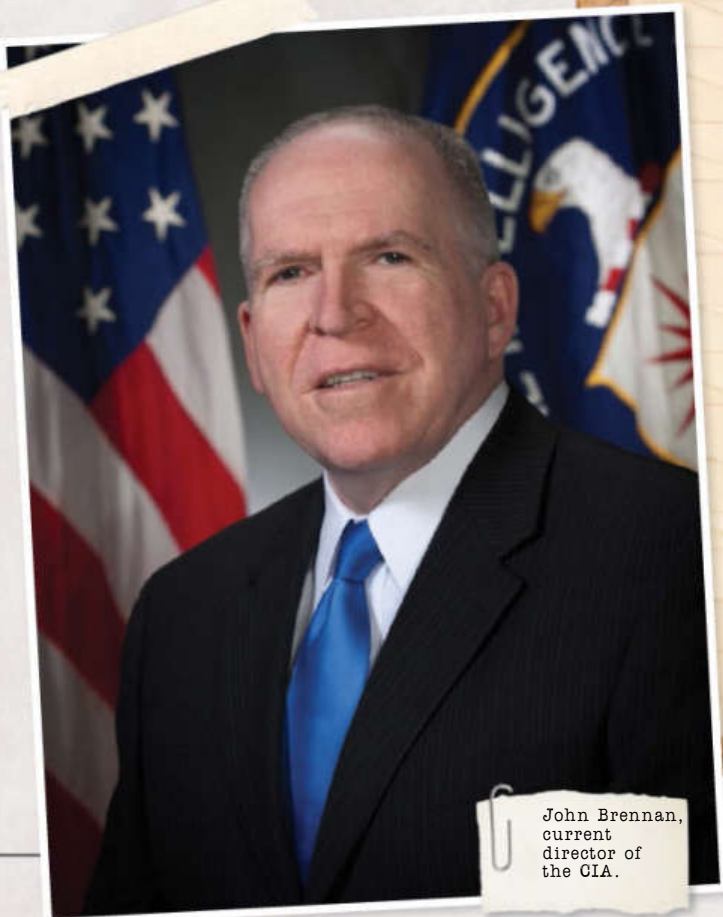
A large number of potential CIA whistle-blowers have died in suspicious circumstances, gone missing or supposedly committed "suicide". While being in the CIA is obviously a dangerous occupation, the numbers involved are worrying and even include former CIA Director of Intelligence William Colby, who died in a wildly improbable boating accident. Gary Webb also committed suicide in 2004, but questions have been raised over whether something more sinister was afoot.

NO EVIDENCE?

Even though the CIA refused to publish the full report, they claim that the investigation found no evidence to back up any of the allegations. This is hardly shocking, given that very few figures that were not current CIA agents or retired agents were questioned about the issues. Robert Owen, who had previously provided evidence and called attention to the potential links between the CIA and the drugs trade, wasn't even contacted, let alone questioned.

NO LEAKS

Such an operation would be very hard to keep hidden; the men and women of the CIA are still just that – men and women. It would take a particularly evil sort of zealot to decide that the best way of dealing with the problem of poverty-stricken black Americans was to infect them with a new drug. While such people do exist, the scale of such an operation would involve a very large number of operatives. Surely someone would have retained enough humanity to leak solid evidence of such a monstrous policy to the press?



John Brennan,
current
director of
the CIA.

The main suspects

WASPs

The people that most consistently feel threatened by poor Afro-Americans are, as everyone knows, the White Anglo-Saxon Protestant middle classes. Many WASPs would do whatever they could to keep the ethnic "minorities" out of sight and out of mind. Many of them certainly wouldn't blink at introducing a new, highly addictive drug to the ghettos.



The Freemasons

It is well known that many members of a Certain Intelligence Agency are also high-level Masons. Some conspiracy theorists believe that the whole CIA is under the control of the Masons and that the drug conspiracy is only part of a larger scheme to keep the world firmly in their control.

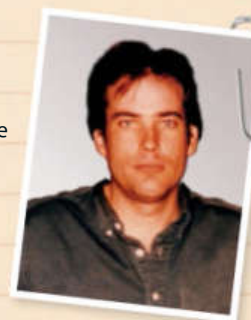
The Knights of Malta

Although some claim it to be a purely Christian organisation, the Knights of Malta have many highly placed CIA personnel among its ranks. These have included William Casey, head of the CIA at the time of the attempted assassination of Ronald Reagan, and James Jesus Angleton, director of the CIA's counter-intelligence network for more than 20 years. Thought to represent the worst prejudices of certain sections of the white male population, if they wished to conduct a secret race war, the Knights of Malta certainly had access to the powerful people within the agency needed to make it happen.

Or could it be...

Christian Identity

More of a collection of lunatic sects than a true religion, the Christian Identity movement says that the real descendants of the Biblical Hebrews are actually the white Americans – rather like a US version of the British Israelites. This appeals very much to aggressive, ultra right-wing, survivalist-style groups. Links have been suggested between Identity members (including Larry Harris, the "Anthrax in Vegas" guy, and Eric Rudolph, accused of the Atlanta Bombing) and the CIA, which is allegedly funding such groups. Could it be that Christian Identity is currently the real faith of the chiefs of the CIA, and their agenda is to wipe out the black American community by any and all means available?

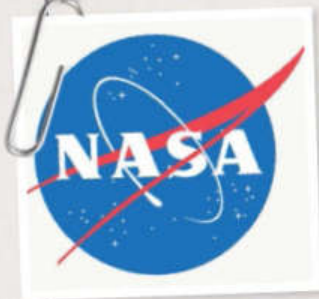


MJ-12

This UFO cover-up organisation, alleged to be beyond the control of the US government and to be covertly working with the aliens known as the Greys, always includes top-level CIA men on its committee. Could drug-running by the CIA be a way of bolstering the MJ-12's Black Budget? Reverse-engineering alien flying discs isn't cheap.

NASA

DOES NASA HAVE PLANS TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD ONCE METEORITES HIT?



America's space agency is, if all the various rumours are to be believed, one of the greatest sources of misinformation and suppression currently active in the world.

It has got the low-down on everything from the alien presence surrounding the globe to a range of useful inventions that it is keeping out of the public grasp. NASA also frequently falsifies mission data in order to justify its huge budgets. Money received is siphoned off for mysterious research projects, conducted away from public scrutiny, using US taxpayers' dollars. No one is accountable, and no one on the outside knows what it is that all this cash is being used for. Alternatively, NASA could just be creaming off huge bonuses for directors, and covering up incompetence.

One paranoid rumour suggests that NASA is in fact building a gigantic tunnel network under the US, code-named Orpheus. This is so deep underground that it can

survive a direct strike from a massive meteorite without problems. Geothermal energy supplies heating, lighting, air circulation and microprotein cultures, so the network is self-sufficient. That way, when the big asteroid actually hits, NASA will be well placed to survive with a small military set-up, and be in a position to take control after the disaster. To make sure all goes smoothly, the approach of this huge meteorite is kept secret so that NASA will be the only organisation prepared for the disaster.

One feasible-sounding element of this conspiracy is that the Moon Landing photographs were faked. They were taken inside a secret warehouse that was made up to look very convincingly like the surface of the Moon. There are two possible reasons for this. First, NASA never went to the Moon – the launch was faked, radio messages were provided by actors, and the actual landing itself was staged. This might have been to save money for Project Orpheus, or it might have been to provide the US government with a vitally important propaganda victory over Russian cosmonauts. The second idea is that the Moon Landing went ahead and the film footage that was broadcast live was genuine.



FACT OR FICTION?

Comments about alien spaceships apart, there is a short, authenticated transcript of an in-flight shuttle conversation held when the craft was well outside Earth's atmosphere. In this conversation, one astronaut notices an unidentified object outside and asks his partner if he also saw it shoot past then dart off. Whatever it was, it was not a military jet or a weather balloon this time. Explanations have been hard to come by, and has NASA been covering up the discovery for years?

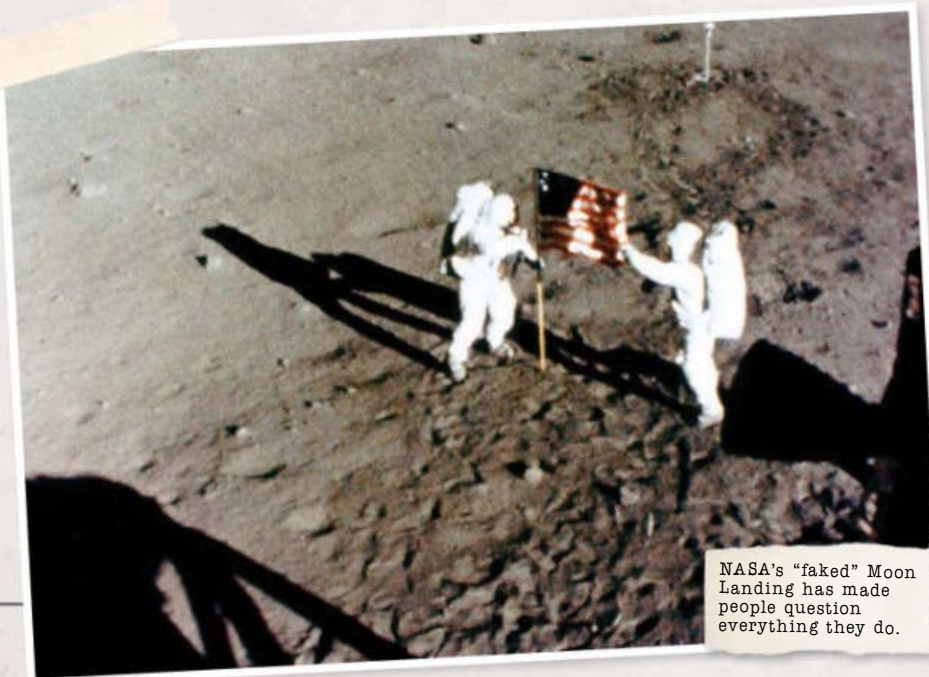


If rumours are to be believed, NASA is hoping to take over the world.

However, the photos that the astronauts took just did not come out, because Kodak underestimated the effect of solar glare on the plates. Faced with massive press demand for stills, NASA considered the financial and PR advantages of selling rights, and the embarrassment of admitting that they took the wrong camera equipment. They decided it was better to bluff it out, and mocked-up a lunar landscape for a photo-session on Earth.

HOLDING BACK

Evidence keeps on leaking out that NASA knows much more than it releases officially. A former high-level NASA consultant is rumoured to have leaked copies of conversational transcripts from astronauts on the Space Shuttle Discovery. In this document, two of the shuttle pilots are supposed to discuss what appears to be "a huge glowing spacecraft flying around the Earth". Now former NASA specialist Dr Hoagland has made claims that NASA not only knows about extraterrestrials, but also understands hyper-dimensional space and the true origins of human life.



NASA's "faked" Moon Landing has made people question everything they do.



The Moon Landing has been claimed to be fake for years.



FAKE LANDING

If you look at the shadows of the rocks in the Moon Landing photos, you'll see that they point in an arc of different directions – sure proof of a point-source of light just off camera. If the illumination was solar, as it would be on the Moon, the shadows would all point in the same direction. They would also have higher contrasts to the earth around them, as there is no atmospheric scatter of light on the Moon.

OUT OF THIS WORLD

Even if NASA did fake the Moon Landings, this does not explain why it would be happy to see a meteorite wipe out most of humanity and cause a global catastrophe. Why exactly would a space agency want to take over a post-apocalypse world on its own? Of all the conspiracies surrounding NASA, it seems more likely that the organisation isn't sharing all the information it has...

The main suspects

The American Government

The most common explanation is that faced with the humiliating prospect of ruining a superb public relations scoop by having screwed up the photos, the American government told NASA to fake some photos and keep it quiet or else. If there is a UFO conspiracy, it seems likely that the American government controls NASA's involvement in the suppression of the truth.



The Freemasons

A lot of strange symbolism seems to be involved in NASA's space missions and it appears that astronauts have even been instructed to perform sacred rituals at appointed times facing in the direction of certain constellations. This is suggestive of the involvement of a secret society with an interest in mystical symbolism – step forward the Masons.

Or could it be...

Nazis

Many people already know that, at the end of World War II, America scooped up the cream of Nazi Germany's rocket scientists and put them to work on its space programme. However, there is the belief that some of the Nazi scientists held true to their earlier political views and that NASA is now run by a fascist elite with its own agenda.



The Greys

The real reason that none of NASA's UFO sightings have been made public knowledge is that the agency is actually controlled by aliens. Although the shuttle routinely flies through a ring of different alien craft, the knowledge is kept suppressed by the extraterrestrials, who are building up slowly to revealing their presence. Gifts of technology keep the US government happy – and anyway, who better could you have running your space programme?

“NASA NOT ONLY KNOWS ABOUT EXTRATERRESTRIALS, BUT ALSO UNDERSTANDS HYPER-DIMENSIONAL SPACE AND THE ORIGINS OF LIFE”

WHO ARE THE BILDERBERG GROUP?

WHAT GOES ON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WHEN THIS ELITE GROUP HOLDS ITS ANNUAL MEETINGS?



Henri de Castries served as Chairman of the groups Steering Committee.

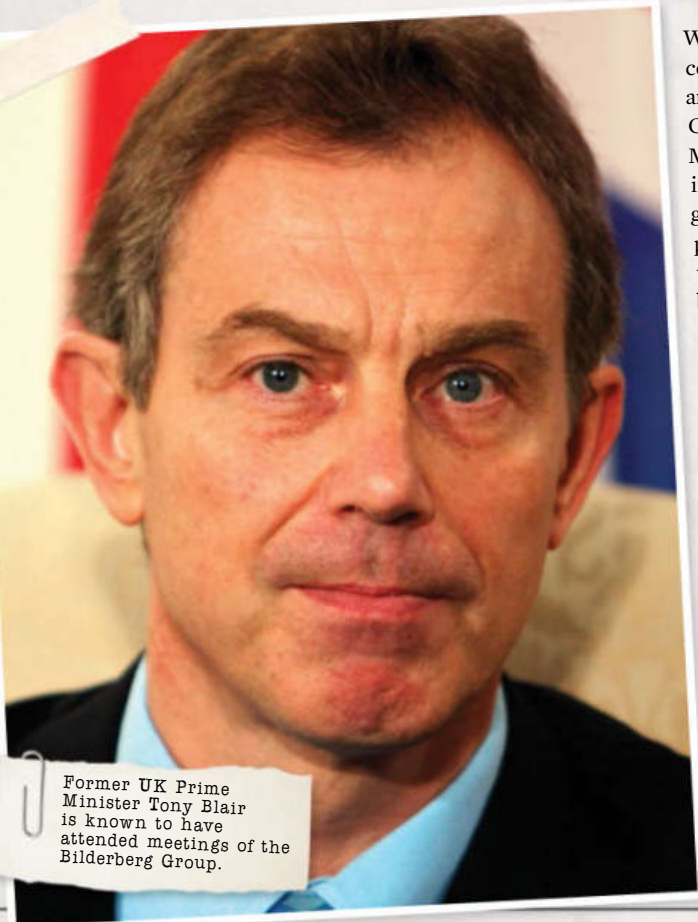
They meet once, sometimes twice a year, renting out remote and expensive hotels. The members of this secretive group include the power brokers of

the world, from international

financiers to heads of state. Their discussions are rumoured to affect everyone on the planet; allegedly the group chooses the political leaders of countries and just where the next war will erupt, yet the group is answerable to no one. Their members include such luminaries as David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, George W Bush and Tony Blair. They are the Bilderberg Group, and according to some, they are your masters. Formed during the paranoid years of the Cold



The Bilderberg Hotel in the Netherlands lends its name to the secretive annual conference.



Former UK Prime Minister Tony Blair is known to have attended meetings of the Bilderberg Group.

War, the Bilderberg Group was conceived by Józef Retinger, an American who headed the CIA-bankrolled European Movement, whose contacts included a who's who of global governmental and military powers. Retinger believed in a world where peace would be brokered not by governments but by super-powerful multinational organisations.

After meeting with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1952, Retinger proposed a series of meetings to discuss world problems. This idea was well received by other world leaders and the first meeting was held in May, 1954, at the Bilderberg Hotel in Oosterbeek, Holland. Since then, the subsequent meetings have retained the name "Bilderberg" as they are moved from one luxurious retreat to another in locations around the

globe. The meetings still take place, and usually comprise 120 attendees, drawn from the key elite of the world, with one-third of them being North American, the remainder European. The general makeup of each meeting has two-thirds of the delegates being from the world of business, media and education, with only one-third actually being politicians.

Journalists are not allowed on the premises, let alone allowed to report on the mysterious proceedings. The Bilderberg meetings are held under a complete media blackout, apparently with the complete cooperation of the media itself. So what are the Bilderbergers up to? Are they simply discussing topics on the evening news or are they quietly deciding just what those topics will be?

A HIDDEN AGENDA

When the Bilderberg Group met in Versailles in 2003, just before the start of the Group of Seven meeting of finance ministers in nearby Paris, French security police were not happy and tried to block the event. Someone within the police was so unhappy that the meeting went ahead on their patch, that they leaked an internal memo complaining about the vast number of mercenaries privately employed to protect the

members. The memo also made it clear that the police believed that the "conférence privée" was merely a cover for something much more sinister. When the Bilderbergers have the power to ensure their meetings are not covered by the major international press and can ride roughshod over the wishes of the local security forces, it is clearly more than a talking shop.

TREATY OF ROME

In 1955, the Bilderberg Group discussed the need to create a tightly bound European market. A year-and-a-half later, the European Common Market was established by the Treaty of Rome. Was it a coincidence?

Whatever the truth is regarding the Bilderberg Group, if it turns out that the wealthiest people in the world are actually the ones ruling it, would anyone be surprised?



FACT OR FICTION?

Jon Ronson, author of *Them*, investigating the Bilderberg Group for Channel 4 television in the UK, faced some uncharacteristically extreme swearwords from Bilderberg founder Lord Healey when questioning him about the aims of the Bilderbergers. Ronson also managed to sneak past security in order to gain access to a secret Bilderberg summer retreat at Bohemian Grove. What he found was most unexpected – the retreat apparently involved a human effigy being burned beneath a statue of a 40-foot (12.19 metre) owl.



Henry Kissinger is just one of the many high profile political powerbrokers who have been members of The Bilderberg Group over the years.

The main suspects

International Cabal of Greedy Businessmen

The aim of the Bilderberg Group may be nothing more than simple greed. With its concentration of business leaders and insistence on secrecy, the Group could merely be fine-tuning economic policy before disseminating it through members' contacts in their respective governments. By ensuring that everyone is singing from a common hymn sheet, the Group could simply be making certain that profits stay exactly where they want them – high.

The New World Order

With a high number of members who are bankers and financiers, it's no surprise that the Bilderberg Group is massively in favour of free trade, an attitude that tends to break down economic barriers and protectionist policies. Free trade has long been seen as a tool for solidifying the grip of the New World Order on an unsuspecting Earth – start by destroying economic barriers, and it's only a short step to destroying any sense of individual nationality. With an eye to furthering the dream of a New World Order, the Bilderbergers would decide when and where wars would erupt, therefore further destroying national borders and making money for those members who choose to finance such conflicts. With a One World Government, and attendant World Bank, the Bilderbergers would pick leaders who follow their plans. Bill Clinton was only Governor of Arkansas when he attended a Group meeting in 1991, yet he would go on to become President of the US only two years later. Was he fast-tracked by the group?



Or could it be...

The Greys

This theory has the Greys running the Bilderbergers in much the same way they are rumoured to run other secret societies, all in aid of weakening Earth and making it easier to conquer.

The Illuminati

The Bilderbergers could in fact be nothing more than a ruse to draw the suspicions of the media and public while the real decisions are being made elsewhere – allegedly by the real group that runs the world, the Illuminati.



THE SECRET AGENDA OF MI6

IS THE BRITISH SECRET SERVICE REALLY LOOKING TO RUN THE WORLD?



MI6 is known across the globe as the British security service responsible for defending the realm from external enemies thanks to its

portrayal as the employer of Special Agent 007 in the decade-spanning series of hit *Bond* movies. However, in the shadows where conspiracy theories thrive, there are many who see MI6's portrayal in the films as a force for good as no more than blatant propaganda. MI6, they feel, is an organisation that is secretly dedicated to achieving one thing, and that is world domination.

In theory, MI6 is neutral and does not align itself to any particular political party or ideology. Even the most hardened sceptic

viewing modern history would have to admit it shows that one thing – MI6 could not be accused of being neutral. There are many established examples of MI6 campaigning against a politician or organisation that it feels is too left-wing or that does not support the “special relationship” between Britain and America. The most famous case is the removal of Prime Minister Harold Wilson from power

It had long been rumoured that MI6, in conjunction with its sister service MI5, had been behind the sudden resignation of Wilson in 1976. When the government was unable to prevent the publication of ex-MI5 agent Peter Wright's memoirs, the full details of the conspiracy to remove Wilson in a bloodless coup eventually became public knowledge. The devastating allegations point to a treasonable conspiracy

undertaken by a cabal of intelligence officers to undermine and bring down the constitutionally elected government of the United Kingdom.

There are also many other cases of MI6 blackmailing, smearing and recruiting Members of Parliament – not an activity the movies have ever portrayed James Bond undertaking as part of his remit to “defend the realm”. One of the key figures seen to be involved with MI6's on-going attempt to subvert its own nation's democracy was director of CIA counter-intelligence, James Jesus Angleton

– mastermind of the Italian P2 conspiracy, possible mastermind of the Kennedy assassination and a member of the mysterious Knights of Malta.

Confirmed conspiratorial actions against the British government, undertaken with allies



Recently disclosed British Government documents show that there were plans to turn the United Kingdom into the 51st State of the US. Was the real reason MI6 chose to remove Harold Wilson from office because he scrapped these plans?



The headquarters of MI6 at Vauxhall Cross, London, home to an army of secret spies?

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from the American intelligence community, have made many conspiracy theorists wonder just who MI6 actually works for. If MI6 is not loyal to democratically elected British leaders, they feel it may be engaged as a key player in a conspiracy to achieve global domination for a secret Anglo-American cabal.

WORKING TOGETHER

There is no doubting that a network of "Atlanticist" groups exist and work behind the scenes of international politics. These round-table groups often share a common membership, which suggests that the American Council on Foreign Relations works closely with British groups such as the Royal Institute of International Affairs. Given that the leadership of MI6 and the CIA plays a prominent role in all of these groups, conspiriologists feel that it is not unfair to suspect the security services are working to a secret agenda on behalf of these organisations.

SINISTER AIMS

People looking for evidence of MI6 trying to establish closer ties between Britain and America, have turned their attention to the British-American Project. Backed by companies such as American Express, Apple Computers, British Airways, Coca-Cola, Monsanto and Philip Morris, it is officially a charitable trust which aims to bring together senior representatives from the intelligence services business, government, the media and the armed forces from the two countries. However, conspiracy theorists feel MI6's alleged links with the project means that it serves a more sinister purpose.

A STEP TOO FAR

It seems unlikely that MI6 is competent enough at covert operations to be capable of masterminding an ultra-secret plot to shape world politics. If the organisation can't even prevent itself from being publicly exposed as severely compromised by Soviet intelligence, it is doubtful that MI6 has the ability to successfully run a dozen top-level conspiracy organisations and two major governments.

The main suspects

The Royal Family

More than one conspiracy buff has pointed the finger at the Royal Family as the cement that bonds the alleged Anglo-American cabal. They believe that the Royal Family has been working since the 19th Century to promote the doctrine of "mystical imperialism" and world domination by the two largest English-speaking nations. Early steps in this process included inspiring Cecil Rhodes to set-up round-table groups and the Rhodes Scholarships at Oxford – which would mean the brightest Americans, including President Clinton – received their "education" in England. MI6 swears loyalty to the Crown, so its part in the conspiracy comes from following the direct orders of the Queen.

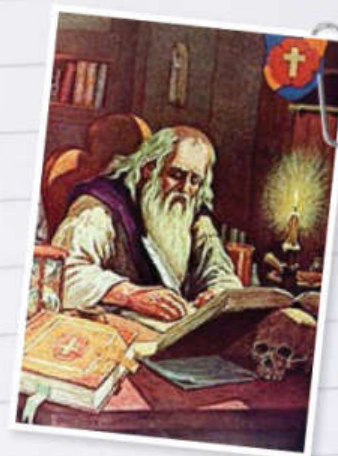
Rockefeller Family

The Rockefellers are one of the most fabulously wealthy families in the world and seem to be major players in the conspiracies behind international politics. With possible controlling interests in several banks and major corporations – including the Federal Reserve Bank which controls all money in the US – David Rockefeller is also chairman of both the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations. Some conspiracy theorists believe that the Rockefellers' aim is to create a super-power Anglo-American alliance dedicated to preserving and furthering their financial interests.

Or could it be...

Rosicrucians

The origins of the Order of the Rose Cross are a matter of heated debate in conspiracy circles. Whether they developed from an ancient Egyptian cult or were the idea of Giordano Bruno – a 16th Century philosopher burnt for organising secret societies and teaching that life existed on other planets – there is no doubting the Rosicrucians are major conspiracy players. Given that they infiltrated British Freemasonry centuries ago, it is not impossible that they are the true controllers of the Anglo-American cabal.



Knights of Malta

Operating out of small office in the Vatican, the Knights of Malta have included members as diverse as General Reinhard Gehlen, Hitler's Chief of Intelligence, who later worked for the CIA, and General Alexander Haig – the force behind Nixon and Reagan's foreign policy and a friend of the Queen's. Some conspiriologists feel the Knights of Malta secretly control the CIA and via that organisation, MI6. Just why the Knights of Malta would want to do this is open to question, but it is known that the Knights Templar regard them as their sworn enemies.



MOSSAD

ISRAEL'S INFAMOUS INTELLIGENCE DIVISION HAS BEEN LINKED TO MANY HIGH-PROFILE ASSASSINATIONS



When the assassins' bullets fly from the smoking gun and change the course of history, it is usually inevitable that within hours both an official

version and the conspiracy interpretation of events will be in circulation. However, on 4 November 1995, when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was shot at a rally in Tel Aviv, it took more than a few hours for the first hints of conspiracy to surface. The main reason for this is Mossad – probably one of the most feared and effective intelligence agencies in the world.

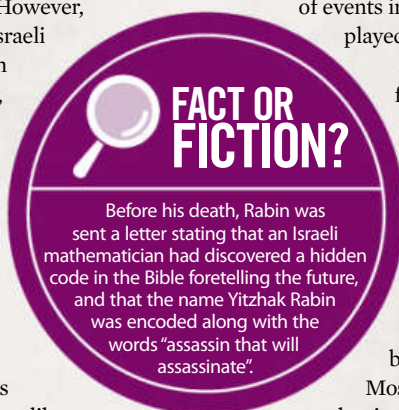
Until recently, Mossad's control over Israeli media was so strong that its very existence, like that of its sister agency the Shaback, was shrouded in secrecy. Everyone knew that the agencies existed, but in Israel none of their activities were ever reported and no one even knew who was in charge of them.

Mossad's tight reins of censorship may have loosened a little over the last couple of years, but it is certain that they played a strong role in preventing even the mildest hint of there being a conspiracy behind Yitzhak Rabin's death from reaching the Israeli public, for as long as possible. While CNN and even the BBC questioned the official version that the co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize was not killed by a fanatical, lone gunman, the Israeli security services fought to keep such speculation from its own citizens. Not surprising, since much of that speculation focused on the possible role that Mossad may have played in murdering its own Commander-in-Chief.

Mossad was formed in 1951 to oversee the intelligence gathering and

defence of the recently created nation of Israel that was surrounded on all sides by hostile countries opposed to its very existence. Over the years, Mossad has developed an impressive track record of counter-terrorist actions, assassinations and covert operation success stories. Its infiltration of the security services of friends and foes has also meant that Mossad has become the prime suspect in many conspiracy theories over the years. From the killing of media tycoon Robert Maxwell in 1991, to the death of Princess Diana and even the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in 1981 – there is no shortage of events in which Mossad may have played a part.

Resourceful, ruthless and fearless – how else could they have abducted Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann, stolen a MiG jet from Iraq and smuggled enough weapons-grade plutonium out of America to build a hundred atomic weapons – it seems that nothing is beyond the capabilities of Mossad. For conspiracy theorists, that includes possibly being the shadowy cabal behind the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.



A COVER-UP?

The Shamgar Commission of Enquiry, which investigated the assassination of Rabin concluded that Yigal Amir was the lone killer of the Prime Minister. It also concluded that he was acting entirely alone when he shot Rabin twice in the back. In the Commission's opinion it was those two shots which killed Rabin, while a third shot wounded the PM's bodyguard. At his trial Ygal Amir testified that he loaded his gun clip with nine bullets, yet ballistic tests found eight remaining bullets after security forces seized Amir. This means Amir only had one shot at Rabin. Where did the other shots come from? If there were a conspiracy to assassinate Rabin and subsequently cover-up the identity of the killer, it would be impossible for Mossad not to be involved – but why would the agency kill its own leader?

INCONSISTENCIES

Everyone who saw the amateur video footage of Rabin's assassination witnessed the alleged murderer, Yigal Amir, shoot the premier in the back from five feet away. However, Chief Lieutenant Baruch Glattstein, of the Israeli Police's Forensics Laboratory, told a different story at Amir's trial. Glattstein stated: "In the



Israel demonstrates its grief over the death of Yitzhak Rabin.

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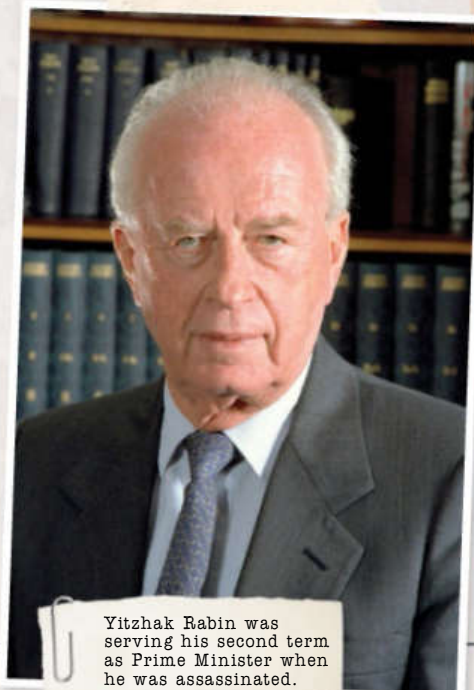
The stone tablet in St Peter's Square marks the spot where Pope John Paul II was shot.



upper section of the prime minister's jacket I found a bullet hole to the right of the seam, which, according to my testing of the spread of gunpowder, was caused by a shot from less than 25 centimetres' range.”

NOTHING TO SEE HERE

The combination of a lone gunman and a major political assassination seems to happen a lot, but surely at least one of them must be exactly what it seems to be, instead of a far-fetched conspiracy?



Yitzhak Rabin was serving his second term as Prime Minister when he was assassinated.

The main suspects

Saddam Hussein

The Iraqi dictator had a number of grudges against Israel and Rabin – including one assassination attempt on him, carried out by Mossad for the CIA that had led to the deaths of members of his family. If an Iraqi plot was responsible for the Israeli Prime Minister's death, Mossad would have to cover it up to prevent the possible chemical and nuclear warfare that could have ensued from its exposure. Some even suggest that highly placed members of Mossad were actually in the pay of Hussein.



The Israeli right-wing

Rabin had made a historic peace deal with the PLO that gave away Israeli territory and earned the eternal hatred of Israeli right-wing factions in the process. Mossad is not an organisation known for its moderate views and many members of the agency have close links to the radical fringe of Zionist politics. The assassination of Rabin would not only be an act of revenge, but would ensure that the process of returning land to the Palestinians and the cause of peace in the region would both be set back for several years.

Or could it be...

KGB

Although consigned to the pages of history by the majority of commentators after it was officially disbanded in 1991, the KGB is held by many conspiracy buffs to still be playing an active role in covert actions across the world. The aim is to cause as much unrest as possible and so tie up American resources while the KGB attempts to rebuild the former Soviet Empire, unmolested by the attentions of the CIA. It is not impossible that the KGB also infiltrated Mossad in the same way it penetrated the CIA, MI6 and MI5.

CIA

The close links between Mossad and the CIA are well known and many feel that the independence of Israeli security has been compromised by the US. Some people argue that Mossad's attempts to regain its autonomy, by blackmailing President Clinton over the Lewinsky affair, brought about a swift reminder by the CIA of where the balance of power lay. This is considered a wild theory by many, however, as it is rare for anyone to credit the CIA with the level of competence needed to pull off this type of stunt.



THE NSA

FORGET ALIENS AND LIZARD OVERLORDS – THE REAL DANGER COMES FROM WITHIN



outsiders, but in fact it is the NSA that is the most feared, the most suspected. The reasons are simple – it is the US spy agency responsible both for external and for domestic affairs. The most technologically-advanced intelligence agency in the world, these spooks watch American citizens and anyone else they have an interest in.

The NSA is routinely accused of just about everything, from stealing the gold in Fort Knox and replacing it with spray-painted lead, down to kidnapping scientists and computer engineers whose ideas could threaten the agency's

The National Security Agency is probably the organisation most feared by conspiriologists. MJ-12, the Mafia and the Greys are often seen as the most dangerous groups by

technological superiority. The sheer secrecy of the organisation helps these often-wild rumours to accumulate. However, one of the most persistent accusations to have been levelled at the agency is that it is deeply involved in an attempt to control the global banking system.

The NSA is known for its expertise in cryptography. In the early Nineties, the agency was behind the attempts to have a chip known as Clipper accepted as the standard for all computer encryption. This chip carried an in-built weakness, a back door that the NSA could use to decode any data encrypted using the Clipper. Your information would be perfectly safe from anyone, except the government.

The NSA may have succeeded in compromising the banking industry – in the late Seventies, a firm called INSLAW (the Institute for Law and Social Research) developed an integrated database management system called PROMIS. This allowed huge ranges of databases to be combined into one usable, cross-referenced whole. Law enforcement agencies wanted PROMIS to track national and international crime, and major banking agencies

such as the World Bank wanted to use it for an efficient international financial database. The US Department of Justice took the system on board, then refused to pay money owed, driving INSLAW to bankruptcy. Despite court rulings in its favour, the company has still to receive payment for PROMIS.

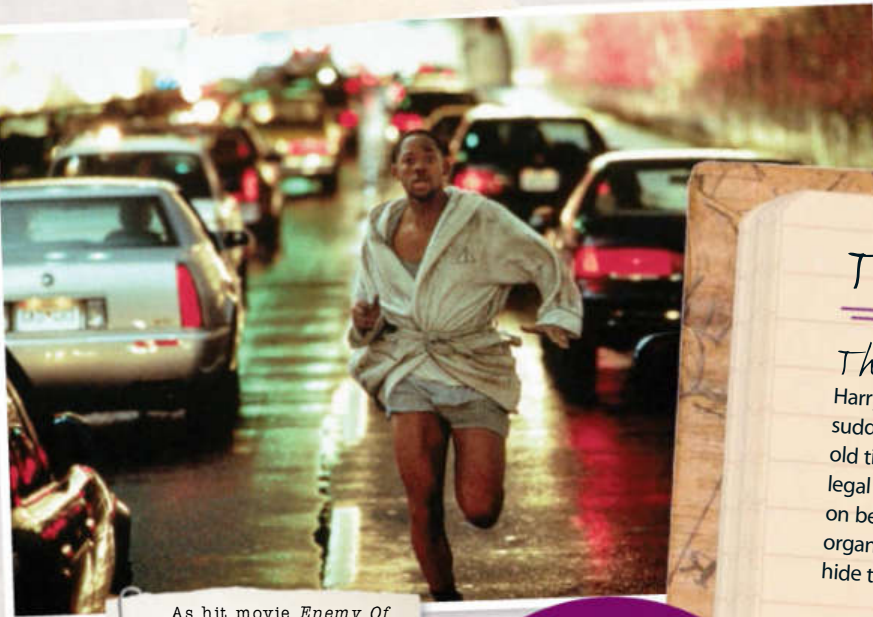
A journalist named Danny Casolaro claimed to have uncovered evidence that the NSA had modified PROMIS to allow complete access to the contents on the NSA's demand. Apparently, the NSA and Mossad then sold modified copies of the software to banks, foreign governments and law enforcement agencies. The plan was to allow the NSA to spy on the entire legal, governmental and financial systems world-wide. A company called Wackenhut, based outside US jurisdiction on a small Indian Nation reservation in California, carried out this modification.

A STRANGE DEATH

Deputy White House Counsellor Vince Foster apparently committed suicide in July 1993.

The headquarters of the NSA in Fort Meade, Maryland. What goes on behind those doors?





As hit movie *Enemy of the State* showed, the NSA are becoming a favourite for Hollywood bad guys.

His death was suspicious and he had been a control liaison for a company called Systematics, one of the fronts through which the NSA was selling the compromised PROMIS software. Systematics also laundered profits from covert operations, and gathered back-door information from PROMIS for sifting. A woman was with Foster hours before his death, and her hair colour matched the colour of hairs found in Foster's underwear. Pathologists discovered that Foster had died at the moment of ejaculation. Video surveillance tapes do not show Foster leaving the building – yet his body was found in a park in Virginia, a short distance from his car.

THE EVIDENCE

In Bob Woodward's book, *VEIL: The Secret Wars of the CIA, 1981-1987* on page 386, former CIA Director William Casey claims of his time in office: "There was penetration of the international banking system, allowing a steady flow of data from the real, secret sets of books kept by many foreign banks, that showed some hidden investing by the Soviet Union."

AN EASIER WAY

Why drive INSLAW to bankruptcy? It seems likely that it would have been easier just to pay a licence fee as the contract required, and then negotiate the rights to sell the software on to other parties, keeping everything discreet.



FACT OR FICTION?

Journalist Casolaro was killed on the night he stated having evidence for his story, as was Standorf, the NSA agent who passed him documents. Twelve days prior, Foster's Swiss bank account was emptied of its \$2.7 million without his knowledge.

The main suspects

The Freemasons

Harry Truman, a 33rd degree Master Mason, suddenly created the NSA in 1952. It retains its old ties, and its forays into global control of the legal and banking systems are in fact carried out on behalf of the Freemasons. It was they who organised the murders of Foster and Casolaro, to hide their mastery of international banking.



Or could it be...

The Greys

It has been suggested that the NSA's power over cryptography comes, not from putting back-doors into computer programs, but from a mastery of advanced mathematics given to the agency by the Greys in return for a quota of US citizens that they can take and use for experiments every year.

"THIS CHIP CARRIED AN IN-BUILT WEAKNESS, A BACK DOOR THAT THE NSA COULD USE TO DECODE ANY DATA ENCRYPTED USING THE CLIPPER"



Thumb on the trigger, but evidence suggests Vince Foster's death was made to look like suicide by the NSA.

THE KU KLUX KLAN

THE FACT THAT THIS HATEFUL GROUP STILL EXISTS RAISES SUSPICIONS



Nothing is more terrifying than organised hatred. The Ku Klux Klan has been among the most reviled of hate-fuelled organisations, spreading fear throughout

Klan came into being with a self-proclaimed mission to save the South from what it saw as the greatest threats of the time: blacks, Catholics, Jews, and the American Federal government, among others. First led by Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Klan fought to preserve what it considered to be the purity of the white man. This was known as the Klan's First Era, with Forrest acting as Grand Wizard.

By the Twenties, the Klan had grown in political power, and entered its Second Era. Through the turbulent civil rights battles of the Sixties, the Klan was implicated in murders and

acts of violence against civil rights leaders and civil rights workers, especially in the South.

Currently, the Klan considers itself in its Fifth Era, fighting not only for the power of the white man, but to save all of Western civilisation.

While the Klan is seen by many as nothing more than a hate organisation run by ignorant men and women, it is possible that the KKK is far stronger, and has more influence, than

is generally thought. Even today, when the civil rights battles of the Sixties seem a lifetime away,

the US against minorities and those who disagree with the Klan's strict, racist views. Hiding behind anonymous white hoods, Klan members have become infamous for their burning of the Christian Cross, their intolerance of racial integration, and their reputation for violence. In an age where so many inroads have been made to build bridges between races, the Klan still exists, proclaiming the power of white supremacy.

Rising in the ashes of the South, following the end of the American Civil War in 1865, the



The burning crosses and hooded KKK members strike fear into minority groups across America.



when racism is fought and decried by so many, the power of hate continues to glow with all the intensity of the Klan's trademark burning cross.

PRESIDENTIAL LOVE

Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States from 1913-1921, once claimed that the Ku Klux Klan saved civilisation on the North American continent. Why did he make this odd statement in support of such a group?

STILL AROUND

The continued existence of the Klan in an age where hate groups are not tolerated suggests some high-level connection with the US government. The American Constitution's

Do the KKK have deeper roots than originally thought?





guarantee of free speech as the right of every American is a guarantee that the US government has shown in the past it will ignore as it sees fit (in the McCarthy Era, for example). The Klan persists, and in the modern world, that poses the question of just who is looking out for its interests and keeping it alive.

RACIAL IGNORANCE

You don't need a conspiracy to explain the ignorance that lies behind race hatred. Anthropology classes probably would not be a hit with the Klan as the strong possibility that all humanity shares a common black ancestry might put a dampener on cross-burning activities and belief of white supremacy.

The main suspects

The CIA and the FBI

The Klan has been implicated in the murders of popular black political leaders Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, apparently acting because both men posed a threat to the Klan's vision of America – a vision allegedly shared by many in the CIA and in the FBI. King's vision of peaceful racial integration was unpalatable, as was Malcolm X's more contentious view that blacks were superior to the white man in every respect. For refusing to conform to the Klan's ideal of a black man, both men were killed. In the case of King, Klan and FBI involvement seem particularly strong, since the FBI openly recruited Klan members before King's death.



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Black Ops Race War

The KKK may be part of a race war directed against blacks and Jews, playing a role in the creation and distribution of the AIDS virus along with black ops government agencies. The Klan is also suspected of spreading false conspiracy rumours about ZOG (the Zionist Occupation Government), a purported Jewish plan to take over the US. Such rumours help deflect attention from America's true enemy – the Shadow Government and its black ops agents.

Or could it be...

The New World Order

The Klan may be a front for the NWO, secretly furthering the aims of the New World Order while openly pretending to fight its influence on every level. This would include Klan involvement in the phenomenon of black helicopters, which, it is alleged, the Klan uses to incite panic in the populace which, the Klan hopes, will provide an environment in which it is easy to stir up racial tensions.

The US Government

Despite the recent liberalism of the US Government, many leaders in corporate, government and military circles still favour a more conservative outlook, a viewpoint shared by the Klan. Funds could be diverted to the Klan, as well as weaponry and clandestine political support. This would explain David Duke's political career after he left the Klan.

Also suspected...

There are so many theories surrounding the KKK, that the likes of the Bavarian Illuminati and the Order of the Green Dragon have been linked to the group.



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HOW POWERFUL IS THE MAFIA?

NOT A GROUP TO BE MESSED WITH, HOW FAR DOES THE MAFIA'S INFLUENCE REACH?



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Since the start of the 20th Century, the Mafia has constituted a significant part of the organised crime underground in the US. In addition to

its American operations, the Mafia is currently active in Italy, Southern France, Germany, and Russia. The facts of the Mafia's presence and its wide range of criminal activities – from prostitution and illegal gambling through to drugs distribution, contract assassination and slavery – are undisputed. What is less well known is the extent to which the Mafia is one unified organisation.

The Mafia was first formed in the 9th Century AD, in Sicily. The original Mafia valued loyalty above all and respected culture, family and heritage. Membership was only open to Sicilians

and the organisation's aim was to protect the interests of its members. As the centuries passed, the Mafia evolved the belief that justice, vengeance and honour were matters for the individual to look after, and not responsibilities that should be delegated to the current government – which was often put in place by invaders anyway. Secrecy was maintained through the tradition of Omerta, which said that betrayal of the society's trust was repayable by death.

Early in the 18th Century, the Mafia started to become openly criminal. Money was extorted from wealthy Sicilians, who would receive a picture of a black hand. If cash were not forthcoming, arson, kidnappings and murder would follow.

The Mafia has been active in the US since the early 19th Century, particularly in New Orleans. Word soon got back to Sicily that a lot of money could be made in the New World,

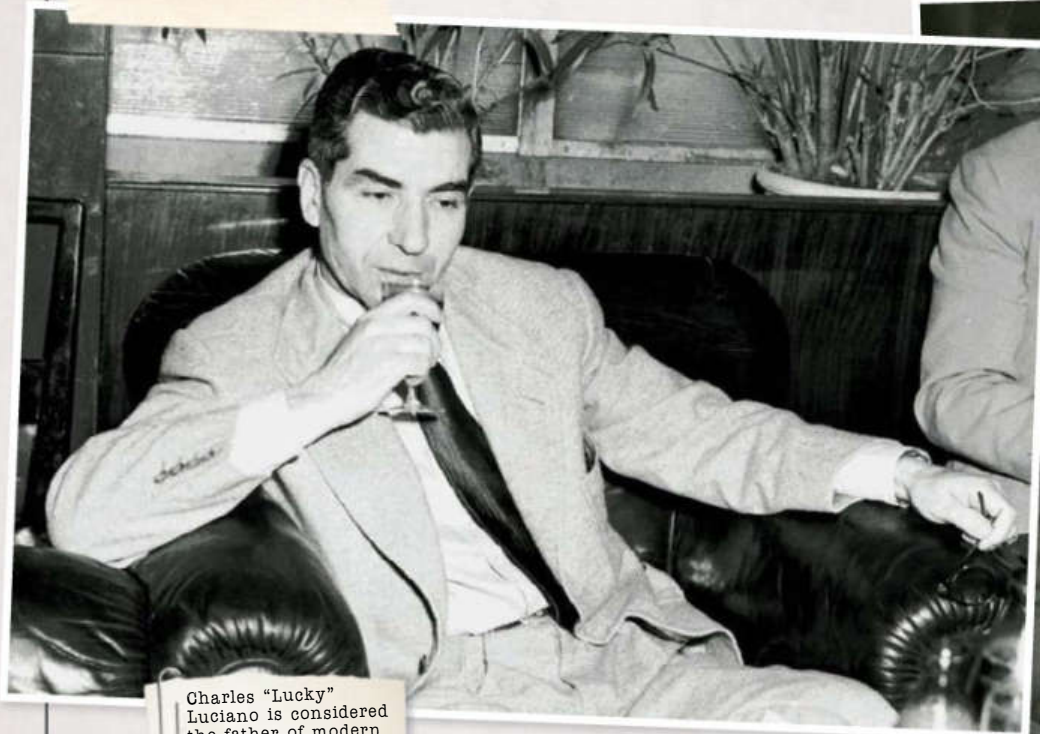
and the organisation grew swiftly. In 1924, Mussolini cracked down on the Mafia in Italy and Sicily, and many members fled to the US. Ever since its super-profitable days of Prohibition, the Mafia has been spreading its influence throughout American political, legal and financial institutions, creaming off vast amounts of money in the process.



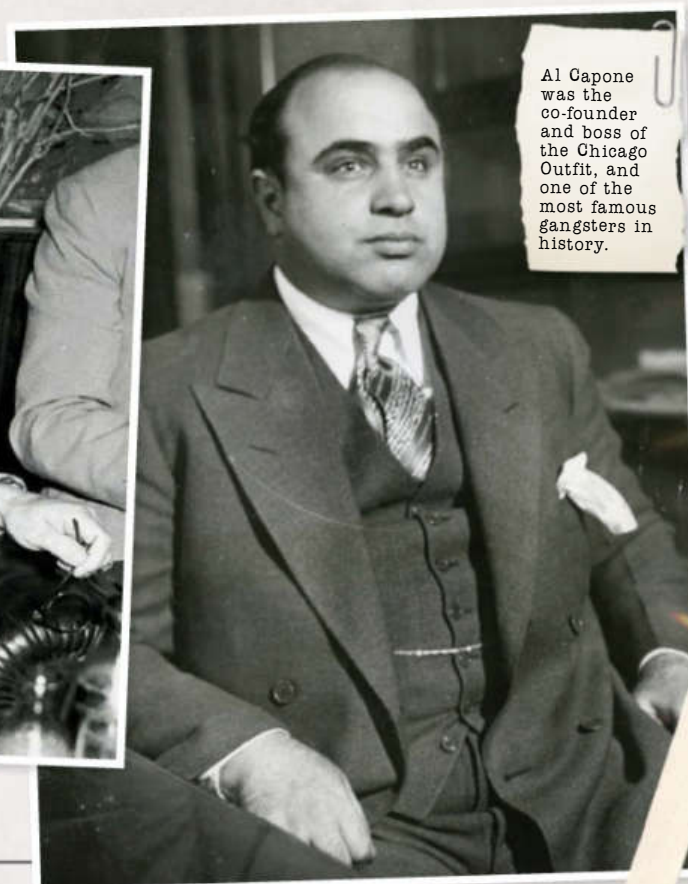
The Mafia believes deeply in conspiracy theories. Some Mafia members even claim that the organisation was originally formed to fight the mysterious "potere occulto" or hidden power they believe is rife in the world.

A UNIFIED ORGANISATION

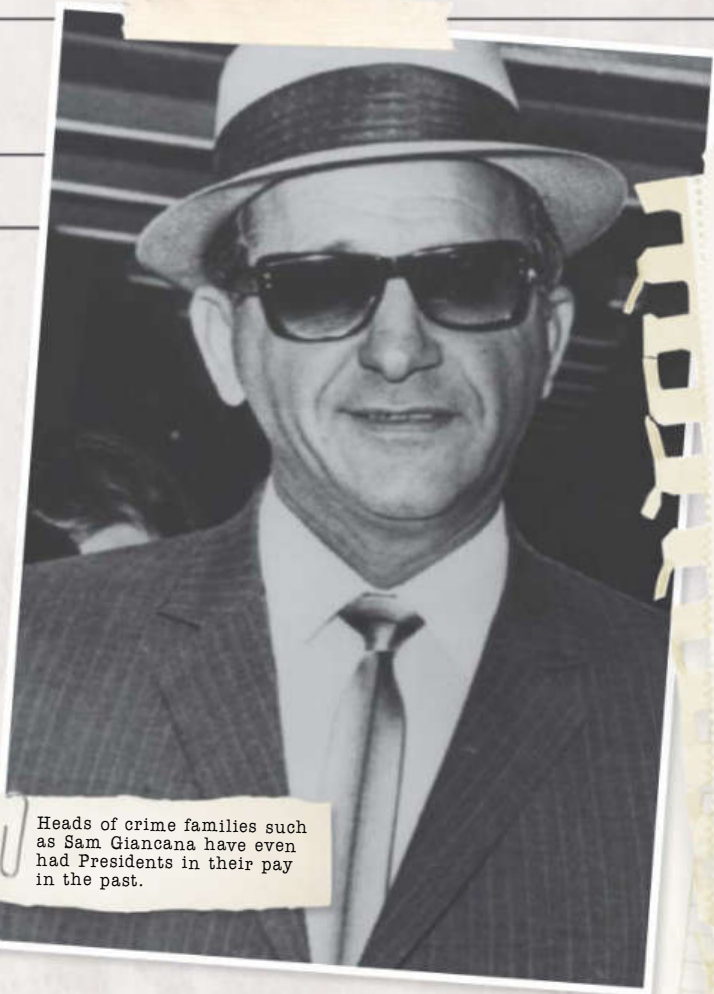
The Mafia in the US is commonly thought to be a collection of rival gangs, clans that are organised on a family structure and have little but hatred for each other. However, this may be far from the truth. While the different gangs do certainly compete, the heads of the 24 families regularly meet in a cartel called The Commission. At these meetings, they settle territorial and business disputes, and decide policy for the coming



Charles "Lucky" Luciano is considered the father of modern organised crime in the United States.



Al Capone was the co-founder and boss of the Chicago Outfit, and one of the most famous gangsters in history.



Heads of crime families such as Sam Giancana have even had Presidents in their pay in the past.

months. It is possible that The Commission may also negotiate with government agencies, particularly the CIA, on areas of activity where mutual benefit can be derived.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

The spread of the Mafia is truly staggering. In the US, the Mafia and officials from the government were maintaining an Illinois-based bank as a criminal enterprise, laundering money. The bank was run by an alleged Mafia associate, the Catholic Bishop of Cicero Paul Marcinkus, head of the Vatican Bank until 1991 working in association with a Congressman who was a controller of the CIA's Black Ops budget.

A documentary detailing this was actually made, but before the programme could be broadcast, State law enforcement officers threatened the makers, families were harassed, and one was falsely arrested.

WHY CHANGE?

Organised crime is just that – organised crime. The last thing it wants to do is to take over the trivia of everyday government, something that isn't necessary anyway, given the alleged number of politicians already in the pay of Mafia Dons.

The main suspects

The Network

Major world crime organisations are teaming up to maximise profits. Just like any legitimate big business, crime empires that merge activities can improve profitability. The Mafia has joined forces with the Triads, with the Yakuza and with drugs cartels. This alliance, known as the Network, also accepts junior members such as Jamaican Yardies and Algerian slave traders. Because different groups control different resources, they have much to offer each other. The American Mafia, for example, can provide access to the US banking industry, law enforcement and justice systems as required.



Established Government

To what extent are government and organised crime actually different? Paying tax or protection money amounts to much the same thing, and few criminal organisations have caused as much public death as the US did courtesy of Vietnam, or Russia did in Chechnya. Some conspiriologists believe that established governments actually control the Mafia as a way of having authority on the otherwise impossible-to-govern world of crime.

“THE MAFIA CAN PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE US BANKING INDUSTRY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS AS REQUIRED”

Or could it be...

The Freemasons

The Mafia has long held strong ties to Masonry through the shadowy Vatican lodge P2, that is said to be the most powerful Masonic lodge in Europe. When Pope John Paul I determined to clear the Masons out of the Vatican – having discovered over 100 among the priesthood – he was killed, supposedly by the Mafia. Could the Masons be the power driving the Mafia's relentless advance over the years? Certainly both groups own a lot of judges and policemen.



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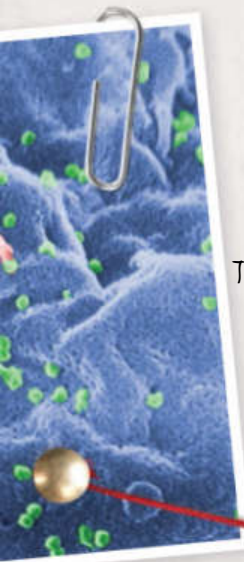
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“NORAD AND ALMOST ALL OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN DEFENCE SYSTEM KNEW THAT AN ATTACK WAS IMMINENT”

9/11

DO WE KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH ABOUT THE DEADLY ATTACK ON AMERICA?



On September 11 2001, American Airlines Flight 11 took off from Logan International Airport in Boston at 7.59a.m. It hit the first of the World Trade Center's twin

towers at 8.46a.m. United Airlines Flight 175 departed from Logan heading for Los Angeles at 8.14a.m. It hit the second tower at 9.03a.m. American Airlines Flight 77 left Washington's Dulles International Airport at 8.10a.m. and crashed into the Pentagon at 9.43 a.m. United Airlines Flight 93 left Newark and smashed into a field in Pennsylvania at 10.10a.m. More than 3,000 innocent lives from 80 countries across the globe were taken within the space of a few hours. The world changed forever, and many of us saw it happen live on TV.

In the aftermath, President George W Bush caught the mood of America and much of the Western world when he called it, "Our Pearl Harbor". Reeling from the shock of this evil, two days on, US Secretary of State Colin Powell broke

the news that Osama bin Laden was the prime suspect. There was no surprise when later, the President announced the beginning of the "war on terrorism".

In our struggle to make sense of why the tragedy happened, the majority of us have unquestionably accepted the official version: the hijacks were not preventable, they were the result of an attack planned by the al-Qaeda terror network alone and no one outside that organisation had prior knowledge. In the wake of the tragedy, George W Bush made a speech saying, "Let us never tolerate outrageous conspiracy theories concerning the attacks of September 11th." To most people, this seems like an entirely sensible and heartfelt plea, while others see it as a desperate attempt to frighten and threaten those who continue to probe the inconsistencies in the official version of the terrible events of that day.

There is a part of us that feels the need for conspiracy theories to try and give meaning to

things that do not make obvious sense. And there is a strong part of us that naturally refuses to give any credence to any conspiracy concerning something as large, emotive and awful as the events of 9/11. However, certain questions refuse to be easily dismissed and the heart of many of

the conspiracy theories surrounding 9/11 comes down to the central question of who had the power to call off or reduce the usual

security precautions that may have prevented the attacks. Even for the average person in the street, who does not wish to hear any talk of a 9/11 conspiracy, some things push the boundaries of credibility. After two commercial airliners had already crashed into the

World Trade Center, another commercial airliner was able to

fly across a No-fly Zone during what should have been the highest of security alerts. It was then able to crash into the headquarters of the most powerful military force to have ever existed in the history of our planet. Just how could this happen without any serious attempt by the military to prevent it?

These and other questions become even more pressing because a raft of evidence has emerged since that fateful day, which suggests that the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and almost all other elements of the American defence and intelligence system knew that a terrorist attack was imminent. US Attorney General Ashcroft had been advised to travel only by private jet on 11 September and, the previous night, a group of top Pentagon officials suddenly cancelled travel plans for 11 September apparently because of security concerns.

On 25 March 2002, Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, a democrat from Georgia, claimed during a radio interview, "We knew there were numerous warnings of the events to come on 11 September. What did this Administration know, and when did it know it about the events of 11 September? Who else knew and why did they not warn the innocent people of New York, who were needlessly murdered?" Despite being attacked by the President's spokesman for, "Running for the Hall of Fame of the Grassy Knoll Society", the following months proved



FACT OR FICTION?

The passport of the alleged hijacker Mohamed Atta seems to have reality-defying properties. While DNA techniques had to be used to try to identify victims, his passport was thrown intact and without a scratch from the devastating explosion that destroyed Flight 11 and astonishingly found in a matter of hours among 1.6 million tons of debris. However, the indestructible passport was a stroke of luck for the FBI investigators trying to work out who was on the flight.

"THE HIJACKS WERE NOT PREVENTABLE, THEY WERE THE RESULT OF AN ATTACK PLANNED BY THE AL-QAEDA TERROR NETWORK ALONE"

The plumes of smoke billowing over Manhattan have become a symbol for the tragedy.



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There is no doubt who the heroes were on 9/11, but who were the real villains?

McKinney right. Evidence emerged that even the President himself had comprehensive briefing on 6 August 2001, detailing that bin Laden was determined to strike in the US and would most likely hijack plans.

This, and dozens of other startling revelations show that the Administration and the US intelligence agencies, especially the CIA and the NSA, had known an attack was imminent and it had been in a position to warn America. However, it had decided not to. Why? Could it really be true that there were those with the power not only to warn of a planned attack, but to prevent it, too?

PRIOR WARNINGS

British politician Michael Meacher, who served as a government minister under Tony Blair for six years, claimed that the US government knew about the 11 September attack on New York, but for strategic reasons they chose not to act on the warnings they'd received. He said, "The US failure to avert the 9/11 attacks was an invaluable pretext for attacking Afghanistan in a

war that had clearly already been well planned in advance. The overriding motivation for this political smokescreen is that the United States and the UK are beginning to run out of secure hydrocarbon energy supplies."

A BIG MISTAKE

The staggering ineptness of NORAD, the organisation in charge of protecting North America's airspace, raises doubts in many people's minds. Why did it order the scrambling of jets from Langley Air Force Base, more than 130 miles from Washington, to investigate Flight 77? Why not follow procedure and send jets from Andrews Air Force Base, ten miles from Washington and the base meant to defend America's capital from attack? This is a vital question because it meant that the planes that were to defend Washington arrived nearly 15 minutes after Flight 77 had already smashed into the Pentagon killing 125 people.

The main suspects

CIA & American oil companies

Major US oil interests had been negotiating with the Taliban to build a pipeline through Afghanistan to transport the large oil reserves of land-locked Kazakhstan and other newly independent Soviet Republics. When Clinton hardened his line against the Taliban, they plotted the attack on the World Trade Center, alongside the CIA, so that the US would invade Afghanistan and install a puppet regime in Kabul friendly to American oil concerns.

Israel

By utilising their vast network of sleeper agents with the US defence and intelligence community, Mossad was able to set up bin Laden as the biggest patsy of all time and ensure that the US would be drawn into a prolonged conflict with the Islamic world. Israel would benefit as any retaliation for the attacks by the US would drive a wedge between the US and its Gulf and Near East allies serving it, bringing it closer to the one country at the forefront of fighting an ongoing war with Islamic extremists – Israel.



Or was it...

China

Problem: Islamic extremists causing trouble in your far-flung provinces, America blocking your planned invasion of Taiwan and much of the rest of South East Asia. Solution: Create a situation where your two biggest rivals fight themselves to a standstill while you sit back and laugh.



Drug barons

The Taliban regime in Afghanistan had all but closed down the world's most productive opium fields. Heads of the major drug cartels organised 9/11 to implicate al-Qaeda and lead the US into war with the end result that the Taliban would be ousted and Afghan opium production and export would no longer be frozen. If that was the plan, it certainly worked.

TWA FLIGHT 800

THIS TERRIBLE PLANE CRASH STILL GOES UNEXPLAINED TODAY



It is perhaps the greatest unspoken fear of every air passenger – that the craft in which they are travelling will crash. While many pretend to be blasé about

air travel, few escape a momentary fear at some point during a flight. This horrible fear was realised for the passengers and crew of TWA Flight 800 on 17 July 1996. Eleven minutes into the journey from New York's Kennedy Airport, destined for Paris, France, the Boeing 747 suddenly exploded about ten miles from Long Island, killing everyone on board.

An investigation into the disaster was quickly launched, with boats out collecting the wreckage from the plane, searching for some clue as to what may have caused the explosion – an explosion that gave no warning, according to evidence later found on the craft's black box recorders. Finally, the National Transportation Safety Board, after investigating with the FBI and the CIA, determined that Flight 800 crashed because its centre-wing fuel tank had exploded. Arcing between two wires, with a spark igniting the jet's volatile fuel might have caused this. The investigation was subsequently closed down.

Many people have openly disputed those findings. Eyewitnesses claim to have seen something arcing into the sky after Flight 800, with much speculation that what they saw was a surface-to-air missile. Was Flight 800 hit by a terrorist attack, or was it something far darker – such as a missile fired by the US Military? In the eyes of the US government, the case is closed, but in the eyes of conspiracy theorists, including members of the US military and the



The crash was a tragedy, but was it also a covered up conspiracy?



The Navy didn't find the black box for a week, claiming the locator beacons had broken. Investigation showed this not to be so, suggesting the boxes were found earlier than reported and were tampered with so the data fitted with the military's story.

airlines themselves, there was no investigation – only a cover up, and a bad one at that.

SECRET MISSILE

Dr Vernon Grose, who had served as a board member of the National Transportation Safety Board, had defended the board's official explanation for the crash of Flight 800. He changed his mind and began to feel that there was a cover up. He pointed his finger at the FBI and its suppression of eyewitness testimony that what appeared to be a missile had hit Flight 800.

RADAR BLIPS

Data taken from nearby air traffic control towers clearly show a blip appearing on radar screens. This blip then rises, and begins to follow Flight 800. It is later seen to move to the front of the plane before merging with the plane's flight path.



The wreckage of the plane was collected by boats immediately after the incident.

“EYEWITNESSES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN SOMETHING ARCING INTO THE SKY AFTER FLIGHT 800”

The explosion on the capable aircraft came without a warning.



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“DATA TAKEN FROM NEARBY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CLEARLY SHOW A BLIP APPEARING ON THE RADAR”



The main suspects

The US Military

The US military may have been practising manoeuvres, including the firing of missiles, in an area designated as W-105, located off the southeast coast of Long Island. A Navy “hot area”, W-105 is about 30 miles away from where TWA Flight 800 mysteriously exploded. In a potentially lethal gaffe, the first report of the accident is thought to have come from the Pentagon, which is again highly suspicious, particularly as the snippet of news was quickly covered up. The airspace surrounding TWA Flight 800 was heavy with military aircraft that fateful night, once again indicating possible military involvement in the tragedy.

A photograph taken by Linda Kabot, reproduced in *Paris Match*, clearly shows a missile in the sky at the time Flight 800 exploded – there’s a clear view of a cylindrical object with the bright light of an exhaust at one end. Her photograph was discounted by authorities on the basis that she was facing away from the actual explosion when she took the picture. This poses the disturbing question of just how many missiles are flying around American airspace at any given time. It’s interesting to note that the FBI paid little heed to such eyewitness reports in its investigation.

Terrorists

The popular image was of terrorists firing a rocket from a dinghy. While this is almost certainly not the case, it does not mean that there was not a terrorist plot. Given the subsequent use of surface to air missiles by groups such as al-Qaeda, the likelihood of terrorists being linked to the downing of Flight 800 has become a widely held view in conspiracy circles.



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Or could it have been...

UFO attack

Flight 800 could have run across a UFO, which was monitoring the military activity below. The UFO destroyed the plane as a reaction to being discovered.



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Military Black Ops

A secret base is rumoured to be in the area near where Flight 800 went down.

“Project Phoenix” is thought to be an underground, top-secret facility located at Montauk Air Force Base, which is itself thought to be abandoned. A possibility exists that Flight 800 was destroyed by a secret weapon from this base, which would explain the cover up, undertaken in the name of American national security.

CHALLENGER EXPLOSION

DISCOVER THE STRANGE INCOMPETENCE THAT COULD REVEAL THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS TRAGIC ACCIDENT



It was 28 January 1986, when the Challenger blasted off on a voyage that was the centre of media attention. On board was a civilian teacher, Christa

McAuliffe, who was destined to become the first teacher in outer space. McAuliffe had been specially chosen by NASA officials for the honour, and with her good looks and upbeat spirit, she quickly became a darling of the media.

But 73 seconds after takeoff, America watched in horror as McAuliffe's dream ended in a massive explosion. As the smoke from the destroyed shuttle craft billowed across the sky, throwing debris down into the Atlantic Ocean, a stunned shock fell across the nation. Something had gone terribly, terribly wrong. Seven crew members had met horrible deaths in the destruction of Challenger.

This was not the first time NASA had lost crew

members. Three astronauts had died on what would have been the Apollo One mission. But that was in the early days, and by the time of the Challenger disaster, NASA had hoped that such tragedies – and public relations disasters – were things of the past. The optimism that had surrounded the space program, enveloping it almost like a protective shield, was rent asunder by the Challenger explosion. NASA's dreams of further space exploration ground to a virtual halt for almost two years.



FACT OR FICTION?

When seven astronauts died after the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated on re-entering the earth's atmosphere on 1 February 2003, it was the worst space disaster since Challenger was lost. Officially blamed on a compromised heat shield, many of the questions and theories first raised about Challenger could spookily be applied to Columbia. However, some saw a grim significance in the fact that the debris from a shuttle carrying an Israeli astronaut rained down over an area of Texas called Palestine.

The crew of the Challenger, with Christa McAuliffe second from the left.



The explosion was met with shock and disbelief in the control room.



FAULTY O-RINGS

In the investigations that followed, blame for the explosion was placed on an O-ring, a simple rubber seal, positioned between the solid rocket boosters, which gave the shuttle the power to escape Earth's gravity. The reason for the O-ring's failure? The weather on the day of the Challenger launch was uncharacteristically cold for Florida at that time of year, around 28.5 degrees Fahrenheit. The O-rings were not designed to operate under such chilly conditions, and as a result, were unable to restrain hot gases from igniting the main liquid fuel tank. This glaringly obvious mechanical problem, known to the technicians of NASA, led to the explosion.

COMPENSATION

Huge sums of money (reportedly running into the millions of dollars) were granted to the bereaved families of those killed in the Challenger explosion by the US government and the Morton Thiokol company. The speed with which the money was handed over might imply a guilty conscience as well as a need to brush the entire incident under the carpet as quickly as possible to avoid more bad press.

In many government legal cases, civilian plaintiffs are subjected to ridicule and forced to navigate a costly path through a jungle populated by lawyers determined to break them down, emotionally and financially, to earn compensation. None of this occurred this time, which raised even more questions...

INDIFFERENCE

Want to cover up your mistakes? Call your victims heroes and have the President of the United States read a nice poem about them to make the whole thing sound romantic and unfortunate. There is little evidence of conspiracy but there are signs that the deaths of the crew could have been avoidable.

“THIS GLARINGLY OBVIOUS MECHANICAL PROBLEM, KNOWN TO TECHNICIANS, LEAD TO THE EXPLOSION”



The crew cabin could be seen exiting the cloud of smoke.

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The hole in the right solid rocket booster caused by the explosion.

The main suspects

NASA

NASA's arrogance is the root cause of the disaster, according to some theorists. Riding high on public approval over the success of the shuttle missions, NASA had become complacent. In the excitement of the Challenger launch the problem of the O-rings may have been overlooked as inconsequential. Engineers knew full well that the O-rings were not designed to function in the cold weather, but went ahead with the launch anyway, even though the launch manual forbade such action. More disturbingly, this wasn't the first time NASA had experienced performance faults with O-rings – erosion of the rings was discovered after flights previously, but nothing had been done to correct the problem.



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Parts manufacturer

In 1977, the parts manufacturer and engineering company that designed the O-ring apparently became aware of the defect the equipment experienced in cold weather. The company went as far as reporting its findings to the commission that had appointed the company to design a new rocket. Again, nothing was done. In the case of Challenger, NASA had allegedly put pressure on the company to provide a waiver concerning the functionality of the O-rings in cold weather, a waiver which would allow the launch to proceed. Faced with the prospect of angering one of its most lucrative contracts, the company agreed.

Or could it have been...

MJ-12

It makes sense that the agency with the most knowledge about UFOs and extraterrestrials would have operatives within NASA and, according to one theory, it was these MJ-12 controlled operatives that engineered the Challenger explosion. Increasingly concerned that space exploration would reveal evidence of alien life, they were instructed to slow down NASA efforts to establish a greater role for man in the solar system. By destroying the shuttle, not only did they bring the agency into disrepute, which led to a massive shake-up of personnel, they also managed to stall its operations long enough to ensure that the next time a shuttle went into space they had the whole of NASA under their control.



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The Great Galactic Ghoul

Several attempts to explore space, American and Soviet, have met with mysterious problems and setbacks that baffle technicians. Missions to Mars have been affected particularly badly, but relatively simple trips into Earth's orbit have also had problems. The rash of problems has been nervously blamed on the Ghoul, a mysterious force that could be the Greys or something as yet unidentified, which is apparently determined to maintain a glass ceiling around the Earth.

THE OKLAHOMA BOMBING

WAS ONE OF THE WORST TERRORIST ATTACKS IN AMERICAN HISTORY A FARCE?



On 19 April 1995, a massive explosion in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma destroyed a huge part of a Federal office building, killing many of the people inside. Until

that moment, America considered itself immune to terrorist attack, lulling itself into a false sense of security by glossing over terrorist attacks such as the bombing of the World Trade Center. The Oklahoma bombing was high-profile however, and, as well as killing and injuring a lot of people, it also inflicted some nasty wounds on the US national psyche.

Timothy McVeigh, a Gulf War veteran, was convicted of the bombing. Certainly, there is plenty of evidence that he was peculiar enough to have carried it out. He sent a series of letters to his sister some considerable time before the bombing took place, in which he wrote about his “anger and alienation”. These letters included comments

about committing suicide, about dropping out of society and into hiding, and about the government of the “Evil King”. The letters were so disturbing that McVeigh’s family suspected him of being the Oklahoma bomber almost immediately. His sister believes that McVeigh’s mania against the government stemmed from the army’s insistence that he repay them \$1,000 that he had been overpaid.

McVeigh had applied for Special Forces training, and had failed the assessment course. He claimed in one of his letters that his assessment at Fort Bragg had revealed that he would be in line for performing several unsavoury duties should he make the

grade. Special Forces operatives, he alleged, could be required to work with civilian police, silencing – killing – people who were considered a security risk. They would also be expected to help “the CIA fly drugs into the USA to fund covert operations.” It was the evil nature of these assignments that turned McVeigh against the US government.

However, there is some evidence to suggest Middle Eastern terrorist involvement in the bombing. Investigative journalist Kelly Patricia O’Meara discovered that Timothy McVeigh’s convicted co-conspirator, Terry Nichols, attended a meeting in the



FACT OR FICTION?

Pentagon officials thought Timothy McVeigh was working in conjunction with Iraqis as he possessed Iraqi phone numbers. Perhaps it was a smokescreen as Levy’s disappearance was related to McVeigh’s death.



Rescue missions were too late for many victims.



The bomb used in the event was so powerful that it blew up the majority of the large government building.

early Nineties on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines – a hotbed of fundamentalist activities – at which Ramzi Yousef was present. The themes of the meeting were Bombing activities, providing firearms and ammunition, training in making and handling bombs. Later, Yousef came to prominence being involved in the World Trade Center bombing in 1993.

Many eyewitnesses saw individuals identified as being of Middle Eastern extraction speeding away from the Murrah Federal Building immediately before the blast in a pick-up truck. It has also emerged that McVeigh was seen in the company of at least one Iraqi refugee, who had been brought to live in Oklahoma City as part of President Clinton’s program to bring several thousand Iraqis into the US for resettlement.

IGNORED FACTS?

Rather than looking objectively at Jayna Davis' excellent research, virtually all of the Oklahoma City and national media adopted the Bill Clinton-Janet Reno thesis that the OKC bombing was a domestic "right-wing" attack and rejected out of hand any evidence of foreign ties to the bombing. A careful review of Davis' extensive evidence and other parallel investigations quickly convinced numerous people that Davis was on solid ground. Of the thousands of Justice Department and FBI agents involved in the investigation, none ever interviewed the Iraqi community in Oklahoma or pursued some of McVeigh's associates in the spook field.

FBI RELUCTANCE

The failure of the FBI to conduct even cursory interviews with obvious suspects and to pursue potentially interesting leads is unsettling in the extreme. Either it was criminal neglect of duty or part of a deliberate effort to ensure they got a suspect who fitted the theory that it was a simple attack by domestic right-wing elements.

INEFFICIENT

To believe that there is more to the Oklahoma bombing than we have officially been told implies some degree of authority collusion in the deaths of scores of innocent government workers, which is both cruel and oddly inefficient. At the very least it means the authorities were not interested in getting the real culprits – surely too big a leap into the darkness on the basis of the facts currently available.

The main suspects

The CIA

A large amount of evidence has emerged over the last few years to suggest that a cabal of senior military and security officers were planning a coup to remove President Clinton from office due to their disgust at his alleged political and financial corruption. Two days before the bombing a plane carrying many members of this cabal crashed in Alabama. It is believed by some that the CIA created the disaster in Oklahoma as a diversion to prevent investigation into the planned coup and a focus for national unity at a time when the Presidency could have been jeopardised by further military revolt.

The Ku Klux Klan

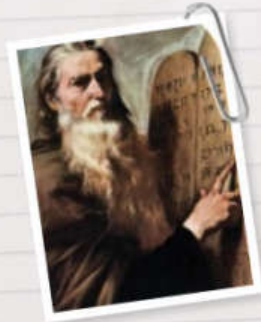
A local major Grand Wizard in the Oklahoma Ku Klux Klan and local leader of the White Aryan Resistance had met McVeigh and was an associate of Terry Nichols. The leader – banned from entering Canada and the United Kingdom and classified by Interpol as a terrorist – was never even questioned. This has forced some to the unsettling conclusion that the KKK may not only have been involved in the bombing, but may have also received some form of secret service support.



Or could it have been...

Christian Identity

This is the American version of the British Israelite movement. It claims that white Americans are the true descendants of Moses. Certainly, the Identity is very popular with right-wing maniacs and it may have been involved in the bombing. There have been suggestions that McVeigh was acting on the instructions of a powerful Christian Identity leader to help fulfil the prophecies leading to the return of Christ.



The Oklahoma City Memorial was built soon after.



THE JONESTOWN MASSACRE

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE CULT OF JIM JONES, AND IS THE MAN HIMSELF ACTUALLY DEAD?



The images coming from Jonestown in 1978 were ghastly. Bloating in the sweltering heat of the South American sun lay the bodies of hundreds

of people, the result of an apparent mass suicide. Some of the bodies had their arms linked around friends, as if they had gone to face the afterlife together. All were members of a religious cult called "The People's Temple". Allegedly, they had been convinced to drink cyanide-laced Kool-Aid by their charismatic leader, an American religious leader and sometime-faith-healer called Jim Jones. His body was also found among the dead, but Jones had opted out of taking cyanide like his followers, dying instead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The events leading up to this massive loss of life (later estimated at over 900 fatalities) were equally strange. Jones, the son of a member of the racially intolerant Ku Klux Klan, surprisingly preached a doctrine that called for a better world where there was harmony between the races. He dreamt of building a version of Utopia. Considering himself the reincarnation of not only Jesus Christ but also Vladimir Lenin, Jones founded his People's Temple in Ukiah, California. His followers, who were mostly black, were kept in line by Jones' own security force, who relieved the cult members of all the money they had, which generally arrived in the form of government assistance cheques.

Reports that followers who tried to leave his Temple were abused and sometimes died, prompted Jones to move to the more

anonymous San Francisco, where he was able to expand his Temple. As the media continued to hound him, in 1977, Jones decided on a spot deep in the jungles of South America as the location for his "Utopia". Without question, his followers moved with him, and he was able to set up the infamous "Jonestown", a community in which he was the only law.

But still the reports of abuse continued. By 1978, the furore was so loud that it prompted US Congressman Leo Ryan to fly down to Guyana to look into the problem for himself. On 18 November, 1978, Ryan entered Jonestown, along with a few curious reporters and the deputy chief of the US mission to Guyana, Richard Dwyer. As they were preparing to return to the US from a nearby airfield, the entire investigative party, with the mysterious exception of Dwyer, was shot dead.

Shortly after the killings took place on the airfield – or perhaps as he gave

the order that led to the deaths of the investigators – Jones issued his suicide order. Within hours, the People's Temple turned into a charnel house. Jonestown, as an example of the lethal power of religious cult leaders, was disturbing enough. But as time passed, it became clear that there was more to Jonestown than simple religious mania. Soon, the highest levels of the US Government were implicated, adding a new dimension of horror to an already sickening tragedy.

A STRAY GUN

Even though Jones' body was found in Jonestown, dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, the apparent suicide weapon was found 200 feet from the body. This would indicate that either Jones was

murdered himself, or it wasn't Jones at all. Close examination of the corpse revealed that it lacked Jones' tattoos...

FACT OR FICTION?

There were several people who could explain the truth about Jonestown, including ex-Jones aide Michael Prokes, and authors Jeannie and Al Mills. However, these people have all mysteriously been found murdered.



Did the government have a role to play in the deaths of over 900 people at Jonestown?



INVESTIGATION

When coroner C Leslie Mootoo suggested that the Jonestown deaths were murder, not suicide, therefore warranting investigation, the US Army disagreed. The bodies were left to rot in the sun.

HISTORY REPEATS

Given that Jones chose to pick most of his followers from the ranks of the poor and minority groups, it is no surprise that so little fuss was kicked up. The mass suicide of a cult is tragic, but hardly unexpected. It happened before Jonestown, it has happened plenty of times since and it will continue to happen while figures such as Jones only come to the attention of authorities when it is far too late to save anyone.

Kool-Aid laced with cyanide killed many of the believers at Jonestown.



The main suspects

Jim Jones

Jones' history reveals he was more than a simple faith healer. He was a fund raiser for politicians, including the impeached President Richard Nixon. While he professed grandiose ideals of Utopia, he was a strong supporter of the Republican Party. In 1961, he worked for a year in Brazil, rumoured to be doing work for the CIA. It was this work, or rather the \$10,000 he earned from it, that allowed him to set up his first Temple in Ukiah. While in Jonestown, his followers were numbed with drugs, fed next to nothing, worked as slave labour and were forced to run through practice "suicide drills". Jones may have been running a massive mind-control experiment in Jonestown, with the help of the CIA. When it became apparent that the news would be released after Ryan's visit, Jones simply erased the evidence.



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The CIA

There are several links with the CIA and Jones. Aside from his work in Brazil, Jones' associates included a member of UNITA, the CIA-sponsored Angolan army, and Dan Mitrione, who worked for another CIA-bankrolled outfit, the International Police Academy. Jones' mind-control experiments in Guyana could easily have been an extension of the CIA's MK-Ultra work, undertaken in a location far from the prying media. In fact, drugs used in MK-Ultra were also found in Jonestown. It's also interesting to note that Dwyer, the sole survivor of Ryan's party, was listed in the book *Who's Who In The CIA*.

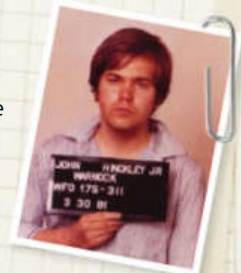
The US Government

The US Embassy helped Jones move his temple into Guyana, and when it was reported that cult members had been shot, not poisoned, it was discovered that a group of American Green Berets had been in the area. Green Berets are valued for their skill in covert killing, and were a favourite tool of the military in Vietnam. A cover up was suspected, especially with the US government's reluctance to return bodies of the dead to their families. Many bodies were "accidentally" cremated.

Or could it have been...

Worldvision

A world-wide evangelical order, Worldvision has been long suspected of working with the CIA. After the Jonestown deaths, Worldvision repopulated the village with ex-CIA Laotian mercenaries. Ex-Worldvision employees include John Hinckley Jr (would-be assassin of Reagan) and Mark David Chapman (assassin of John Lennon).

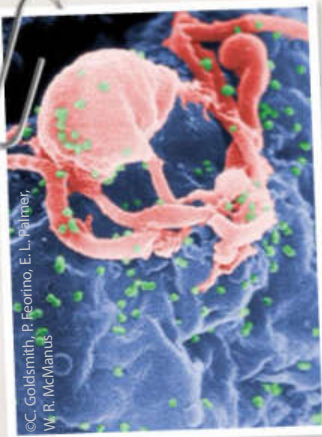


The Process

New evidence has emerged linking Jones' early time in California with members of the English religious group known as The Process Church – a cult that emerged from Scientology, mixing "brain-cleansing" techniques with Gnostic beliefs. Although Process had melted away from the scene by the time of Jonestown, its influence on Jones may not have been entirely positive, just as its involvement with Charles Manson may not have been entirely beneficial to Sharon Tate.

THE BIRTH OF AIDS

DO WE REALLY KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS HORRIFIC DISEASE?



It has been called the Black Plague of the 20th Century, a disease so virulent and widespread that its victims are counted in the millions. AIDS has become one

of the great fears of our time, terrifying not only because of its lethal and incurable nature, but also because of the moral stigma that is attached to the disease. To be diagnosed with AIDS is not only to be faced with a life-destroying ailment

but to be tarred with questions about your most private behaviour. Many members of society tacitly (and not so tacitly) regard AIDS as a punishment sent from above for “immorality”.

The first appearance of AIDS is disputed, but most authorities point towards its rise in the late Seventies. At first, it was thought only to be a viral disease limited to homosexuals, with much media attention focusing on the “bathhouse” lifestyles of urban gay people. This inaccurate assumption was extremely damaging to the treatment gay people, especially gay men, faced in society all across the world, and forced many gay men to hide their sexuality. As time passed, research showed that AIDS infected anyone, regardless of sexual inclination. Researchers

discovered that it was transmitted during the sharing of bodily fluids, (unprotected sex), through the sharing of needles, and through infected blood transfusions. It could also be passed from mother to unborn child in the womb, and through breast feeding. No more was it a disease specific to the gay community – AIDS threatened the world.

However, is it possible that AIDS is more than just another disease Nature has thrown our way? Could AIDS be something darker than that, something that man himself created? As the disease continues to baffle researchers, questions are raised that this calamitous virus, which could potentially wipe out millions more, may have slipped out of a man-made Pandora's Box.

“COULD AIDS BE SOMETHING DARKER, SOMETHING THAT MAN HIMSELF CREATED?”



The impact of AIDS in Third World countries is much higher due to lack of access to costly drugs.

GOVERNMENT ERROR

There are strong indications that AIDS may have been a government chemical weapon that ran off the tracks of its original course – which was to deal with the problem of overpopulation in the developing world. In 1969, at a House Appropriations hearing, the US Defense Department, through its biological division, pleaded for tax dollars to develop a fatal disease with the capability of attacking its victim's immune system while being completely resistant to the human immune system's attacks. The money was granted. In the early Seventies, Henry Kissinger wrote a National Security Memorandum in which he discussed the problem of Third World overpopulation. He stated that the problem should be a priority in US foreign policy and considered a grave threat to the country's security.

ROLL OUT

In its proposal to the House Appropriations hearing in 1969, the Defense Department said it could have the new disease up and running within five to ten years. The first incidents of AIDS were reported in the late Seventies, showing that, if nothing else, the Defense Department is punctual.

LUCRATIVE?

As anyone involved in cancer research will tell you, there is more money to be made in treating a disease than in actually curing it, even diseases manufactured in a government lab. If AIDS is ever cured, rest assured a more lethal disease will suddenly appear on the horizon. Perhaps it already has – we call it Ebola.



FACT OR FICTION?

Of those who received the Hepatitis B vaccination in New York in 1978, more than half were diagnosed with AIDS by 1984. Of course this could just be a coincidence, but many people will point out that the numbers don't lie, and there must be a link.

The main suspects

The CIA

Some conspiracy theorists have traced the escape of AIDS into the world's populations to the CIA's biological activities against Cuban soldiers fighting in Africa. An attempt to infect Cuban troops with a more orthodox biological agent may have backfired when it mutated into the disease we now call AIDS and spread much further than its intended Cuban targets.



Black Ops Genocide Program

According to this theory, an evil right-wing clique of black ops agents decided to utilise existing biological experimentation to try and reduce the number of blacks and homosexuals in the population. Initially introduced via a Hepatitis B vaccine issued to several thousand gay men in San Francisco and New York, through infected syringes placed with drug-users in black districts, they believed it would have little impact in the heterosexual, middle-class white world from which they came.

Or could it have been...

Pharmaceutical/Research companies

In an effort to keep much-needed grant income rolling in, pharmaceutical and research facilities have created the myth of the AIDS crisis, lumping together several diseases under one umbrella in order to instil a sense of panic. The use of drugs such as AZT and Interferon in the treatment of AIDS is also suspicious. The drugs are expensive, and there's a body of opinion that reckons the drugs do more damage than good. Yet the sales of such drugs help keep profit margins high, and stockholders happy.



Gaia

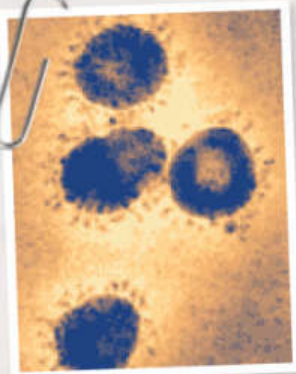
Another theory states that AIDS is a plague created by Gaia – the sentient aspect of the planet's ecosystem – as its own response to overpopulation and pollution. Taking advantage of the highest levels of chemical pollution ever recorded and the rapid spread of viruses around the globe, thanks to air travel, the planet created a new type of virus. By doing this, Gaia is trying to reduce the number of humans on the planet as it now sees our current numbers and activities as a danger to the whole ecosystem.

Also suspected...

It is rumoured that improper handling of infected test monkeys in laboratories or a natural cleansing plague created by Nature to handle overpopulation could also be to blame.

SARS

WAS THIS DEADLY VIRUS A GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT GONE WRONG?



When Lia Jianlun, a 64-year-old medical professor from Guangdong Province in Southern China, made a trip to a relative's wedding in

Hong Kong in March 2003, he had no inkling that within a few weeks he would be dead. Or that he would be accused of being the angel of death responsible for the spread of the killer virus SARS.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome became the first pandemic of the 21st Century. A viral, pneumonia-like illness, it spread quickly to more than 30 countries across almost every inhabited continent, infected thousands and killed at least 10 per cent of those who caught it. The great difficulty in breathing caused by the disease meant that the majority of the deaths were drawn-out and painful. While at first many were reassured that the number of SARS cases was small when compared to the world population, panic began to grow as scientists placed it among the ranks of mysteriously mutating "super-germs". They also voiced concerns that it could be the "Big One" – an influenza virus that would produce a super flu that would kill billions of people, as the "Spanish flu" did between 1918 and 1919.

The World Health Organisation began to advise against travel to cities like Toronto, where SARS had broken out and the economic impact of the disease rose into multi-billion figures. As scientists began to study it, the origin of SARS was traced back to Guangdong and its movement out of China to the visit of one unfortunate wedding guest. Scientists also discovered the SARS coronavirus arose when the genes of an animal and human virus swapped genes and that there was no known cure.



Was the spread of SARS actually an avoidable tragedy?

When it became established that the Chinese military had known about SARS and had covered up its existence since November 2002, the virus caused political as well as medical havoc. China's health minister and the Mayor of Beijing were forced to resign. Prime Minister Wen Jiabao, along with President Hu Jintao,

criticised the military for its non-co-operation and initial cover-up. This allowed them to make veiled criticism of former president Jiang Zemin, who had refused to relinquish chairmanship of the Central Military Commission.

Surprisingly, a retired Chinese military doctor, who helped reveal the SARS cover-up in Beijing, was not silenced and given unprecedented coverage in the

Chinese media. This may mean the whole exposé was part of a set-up engineered by Chinese President Hu Jintao as part of his power struggle against opponents controlling elements of the military. It has also been suggested that

Hu Jintao encouraged rumours of Western plots to create SARS to attack China to focus anger about SARS away from government cover-ups and mishandling of the SARS crisis.

As SARS was seemingly brought under control, a barrage of explanations from authorities across the globe came out, trying to convince the world that the virus had its origins in the animal markets of Guangdong province. However, the official version left a lot of questions unanswered.

ARTIFICIAL VIRUS?

Many scientists in Russia believe that SARS is manmade. Nikolai Filatov, head of Moscow's epidemiological services, made the initial claims over this idea and was soon backed up by Professor Sergei Kolesnikov, whose research showed the virus could only be produced in laboratory conditions. The Siberian bio-weapon expert also believes that SARS probably came from an accidental leak from a laboratory somewhere in China.

THE UTRECHT MICE

Peter Rottier of Utrecht University in the Netherlands led a team of Dutch scientists who transformed a coronavirus that was lethal to cats



FACT OR FICTION?

Some heavyweight scientists, including Professor Chandra Wickramasinghe of Cardiff University, believe that the only explanation for some of the odd characteristics of SARS is that it has an extraterrestrial origin via cosmic dust. Given that scientists only go in for extraterrestrial theories when their backs are really up against the wall to come up with a simpler explanation, it is fairly obvious that the truth behind SARS has the global scientific community stumped.

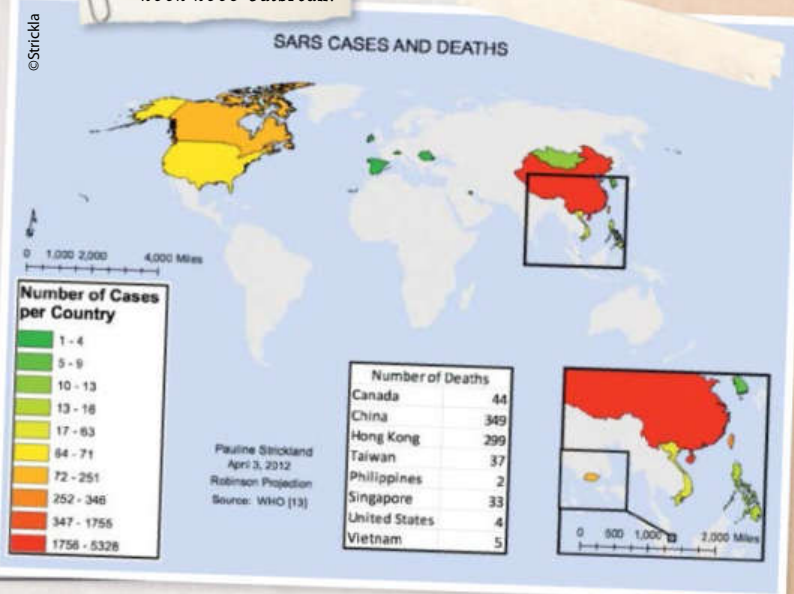
into one that infected mouse cells by replacing a single gene from a mouse coronavirus. He admitted that his work strengthened the idea that the SARS coronavirus might have arisen when an animal and human virus had been engineered to meet and swap genes. Michael Lai of University of Southern California confirmed this, "It's a very plausible explanation; coronaviruses are unusual in that their genes can be reshuffled easily."

CONSPIRACY BUG

If there is one thing that travels faster than a new virus across the globe, it is a conspiracy theory about the virus. Stupid and risible stories about super-bugs almost certainly pose a danger to those who take them seriously and to the pocket-linings of anyone making surgical masks or creating quack cures. Of course, stories like these do not harm certain governments who are all too happy to see the conspiracy theories run amuck, all the while helping deflect some of the anger that should rightly be aimed at their national leadership.

"THE VIRUS COULD ONLY BE PRODUCED IN LABORATORY CONDITIONS"

The areas across the globe affected by the 2002-2003 outbreak.



The main suspects

Chinese Military

Given that China's most important bio-weapon research centre is based in Guangdong, the Province where SARS originated, it is not surprising that the finger of suspicion has turned towards Chinese bio-weapon scientists and their bosses in the Chinese military. This is only heightened by the fact that the virus started to spread out from China's military hospitals. It is conceivable that hard-liners in the military hoped that SARS would isolate the country, bring about martial law and give them an excuse to reverse China's liberalisation policies.



Medical establishment

While SARS cost more than \$16 billion alone to the Chinese economy, one group certainly benefited financially from its trail of death – the medical sector. SARS led to a huge boost in the budgets of medical, pharmaceutical and companies involved in virus research. It also benefited those involved in security and law enforcement. Would certain sections of the scientific establishment have been amoral enough to create and release SARS, and then play up its potential danger to enhance their profits?

Anglo-American Cabal

The height of panic over SARS occurred at exactly the same time that Anglo-American military forces were invading Iraq. An Anglo-American Cabal may have created a deployed of interests SARS to provide not only a global media distraction to the war but to harm the interest of China – one of the most important countries to oppose their invasion and one of their most powerful economic rivals.

Or could it have been...

Al-Qaeda

Al-Qaeda are well known to be investigating the use of bio-weapons in their campaign of terror. SARS could be an early test of their potential, not only against the West, but also against communist China, which has earned their wrath for the crack down in the activities of Islamic separatist factions in some of its remoter provinces.

World Health Organisation

SARS was a minor virus released by the World Health Organisation as part of a mass social experiment to see how a virus could spread across and between countries, and judge how people react ahead of the "Big One" – a biological agent that will wipe out up to half the Earth's population.



The Bilderberg Group

Some of the more paranoid conspiracy researchers believe that global industrialists and members of the ultra-rich, who regularly come together under the guise of the Bilderberg Group, released SARS as a test-run for a population control programme. And the ultimate aim? To reduce the number of poor people, who use up shrinking global resources, and consolidate their control of those who remain.

EPILOGUE

IF EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG, WHAT'S THE REAL TRUTH?

95 per cent of all conspiracy theories are rubbish. Although that might seem like a strange thing to admit – based on the subject of the book – it's important to get some perspective. As interesting and entertaining as some are, most have very little evidence behind them. Mole men from the Earth's core aren't responsible for UFO sightings. Satanists do not run the CIA. JFK was not shot by his own Secret Service driver. Even the majority of apparently more realistic theories don't stand up to criteria of objectivity. There is a lot of con in conspiracy.

With so many conspiriologists promoting baseless, dangerous nonsense, and with the flood of incorrect, partial and inane information circulating on the

internet, it's no surprise that many discard any notion of a conspiracy. Yet the process of conspiracy and very real conspiracies are part of the normal structure of things. They happen all the time, in very everyday situations, but often on a small scale, in a way that people will rarely ever uncover the truth. A small lie, a hidden agenda, things like these can form conspiracies.

Conspiracies often thrive in circumstances where people do not want to accept the truth. And the most popular celebrity conspiracies relate to the deaths of the famous and much-loved. Fans often cannot handle their heroes dying, so many look for someone to blame. However, in some cases the evidence

really does point to a cover up. One with the most evidence is the assassination of Robert F Kennedy. The questions surrounding the number of shots fired and the locations of the bullet wounds, along with eyewitness accounts that don't match up with the official explanation, make this one of the most likely candidates for a true conspiracy.

Remember; if 95 per cent of all conspiracy theories are rubbish, that still means five per cent could well be based on the truth, and not the truth we are fed by governments and the media, the real truth. And it's this five per cent that should make us question things, dig for answers, and form our own opinions based on the real facts.

Is there proof that aliens really do exist?



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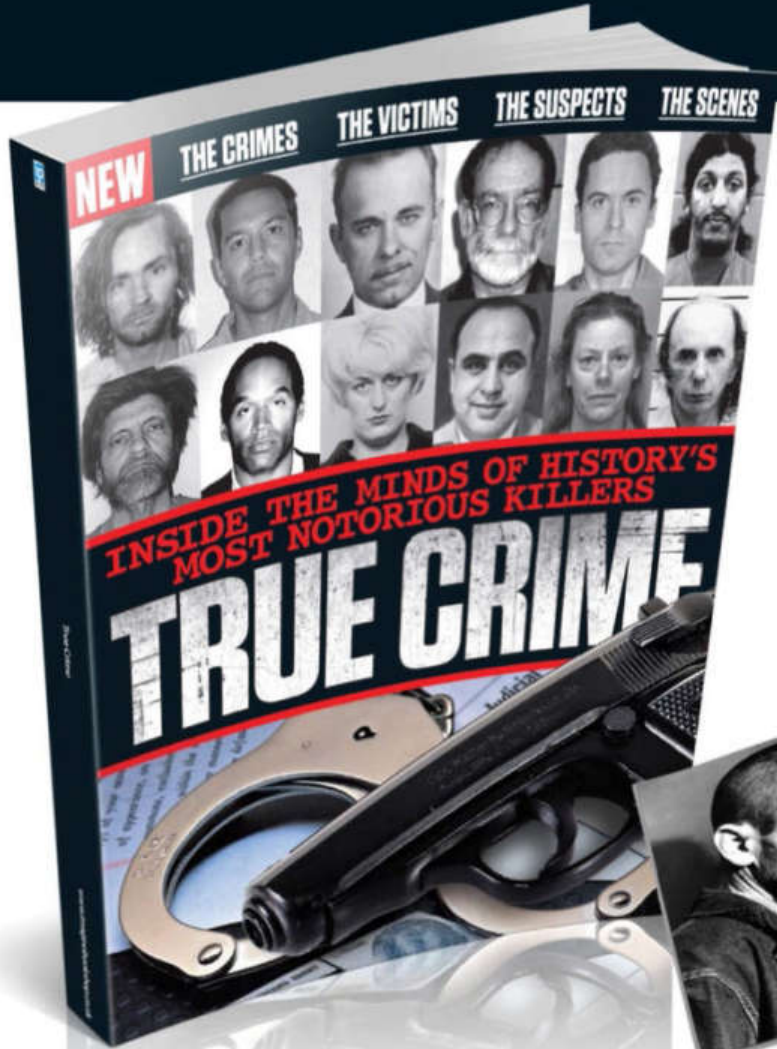
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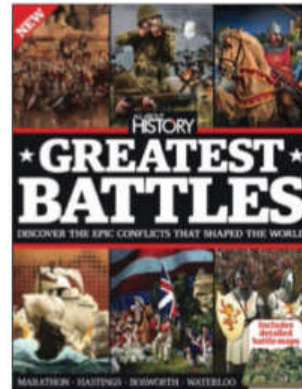


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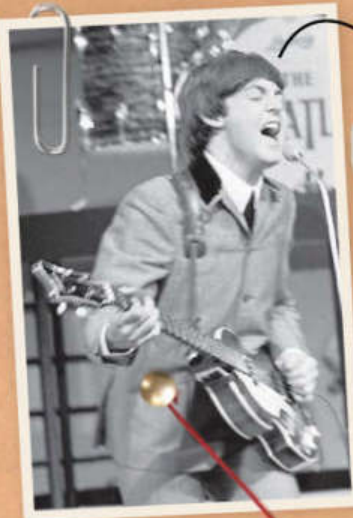


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